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FURY AT COP THUGS' EARLY RELEASE

400,000 SIGN TO KEEP KILLERS IN

By RYAN SABEY

MORE than 400,000 people had signed a petition last night demanding the killers of PC Andrew Harper be kept in jail.

Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole got 13 years but with early release will serve just 6½.

Widow Lissie, *with Andrew left*, said: "We will never give up."

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Sabrina to make Wembley history

FIND OUT HOW ON PAGE 3

MAYHEM IN TOURIST HOTSPOT

WEST END STAB RAMPAGE

Arrest . . . police cuff woman on floor yesterday. Bloodied victim in street, above

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A WOMAN stabbed four men at random with a pair of scissors in a terrifying rampage in London's Covent Garden yesterday.

Taser-wielding cops tackled the suspect after a 15-minute standoff at the West End tourist hotspot as paramedics tended to bloodied victims.

Police arrested a woman, 47, on suspicion of possessing an offensive weapon and assault.

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Woman held after 4 hurt in scissors attack

WEAPONS VOW TO UKRAINE

WES STICKS THE BOOT INTO PUTIN

From **JEROME STARKEY** in Kyiv

DEFENCE Secretary Wes Streeting yesterday vowed to get Ukraine the weapons it needs as he arrived in Kyiv — and told Vladimir Putin he was losing the war.

On his first trip to the country, Mr Streeting hailed its "valiant resistance" but said the civilian loss of life was "outrageous and intolerable".

His words came just hours after 17 people were killed and 44 injured in a blitz on the capital.

None of the Russian missiles were intercepted due to a shortage of air defence systems.

Speaking later in Kyiv's ravaged Lukianivska district, Mr Streeting added: "Where the UK lacks a capability Ukraine needs, but others have it, I'll be picking up the phone."

Britain does not possess the missile-intercepting Patriot defence systems Ukraine desperately needs.

Mr Streeting signalled the UK could buy weapons from third parties or press allies to donate more.

President Zelensky said yesterday the missile interceptors "could have saved lives". He added that delays in weapon supplies had led to "horrific casualties and destruction".

Ukraine intercepted 156 of 351 Russian missiles fired in the past month, compared with 128 of 192 during the same period last year.

Mr Streeting also launched a scathing attack on Vladimir Putin for unleashing years of slaughter.

He said: "Putin is losing this war. He is losing badly. And he is losing the war with an intolerable loss of life among his own people.

"I find it staggering and unconscionable. The tragedy of the war is the futility of what Putin has embarked on. This wasn't a war that was provoked. This was a war borne out of one man's imperialistic aims and it has come at enormous cost."

Speaking to The Sun as missiles rained down, he said: "I cannot understand how any leader of a country can simply place so little value on the lives of the people he sends into battle."

Ukraine's military said Russia launched 24 ballistic missiles, as well as four hypersonic weapons and over 100 drones on Tuesday night.

Asked by The Sun how it ends for Putin, Mr Streeting said: "All we can do is assure the Russian people that our quarrel has never been with them. We don't desire conflict with Russia. But we stand resolutely and unequivocally with Ukraine."

Wes . . with Zelensky. And in Kyiv, right

Explosives . . . device at airport

EURO ATTACK 'RUSSIA LINK'

RUSSIA is suspected of launching two drone attacks on planes in Germany.

One was downed near a Ukrainian cargo plane at Leipzig-Halle airport on Tuesday. A bomb robot found it was laden with explosives and a detonator.

Minutes later, an object at 400ft hit a cargo plane, which suffered minor damage. Ukraine's German ambassador Oleksii Makeiev said: "Who else could it be but Russia?" Moscow denied involvement.

Praise . . . Narayan

A.I. bots 'hacking' tests bid

By TOM SCOTSON

ROGUE artificial intelligence models staged a hacking spree and forged fake IDs using real people in Government tests, it has been revealed.

Tech from US firms Anthropic and OpenAI tried 19 separate hacks — including in one case trying to get malicious code approved.

The UK's AI Security Institute (AISI) said the two models hit a level of "autonomy and deception" not seen before.

AI Minister Kanishka Narayan said discovering the risks "is exactly what AISI was set up to do".

Anthropic said more work was needed "to safely evaluate increasingly capable AI agents".

OpenAI said the tests were done with reduced safeguards and "under conditions that do not reflect ordinary use".

Alarm on debt pile

THE Tories have accused ministers of trying to "pull the wool over people's eyes" by tweaking rules around borrowing.

Chancellor John Healey wants to reportedly unlock an extra £9billion that he can use to boost growth.

But Shadow Chancellor Sir Mel Stride warned of "more interest and more debt for your children to bear the brunt of".

The Treasury declined to comment on rumours.

Starmer cash 'lie'

SIR Keir Starmer made an incorrect statement to MPs when boasting about defence, the UK Statistics Authority has ruled.

The then-PM claimed in March Labour would spend £270billion more "than we would otherwise have done". But in reality the figure was the total budget over this Parliament.

Shadow Defence Secretary James Cartlidge said Labour's "lies" had been "completely exposed".

'NEO-NAZI' EXIT

A FORMER neo-Nazi standing to be a Tory councillor has quit amid a backlash.

Joshua Bonehill-Paine, 34, was jailed in 2016 for racially harassing then-Labour MP Luciana Berger.

Tory leader Kemi Badenoch defended his selection at Crewkerne South in Somerset, insisting he had changed. But Bonehill-Paine yesterday announced he will step aside and support Ms Badenoch's "mission to combat antisemitism and extremism". She said: "We are going to need help from those people who were part of the problem, but have now changed and are being part of the solution."

59 MENTAL ILL HEALTH HUBS

THE NHS is to open 59 mental health emergency departments in hospitals plus 159 walk-in clinics in town and city centres.

Health Secretary Yvette Cooper said the facilities will help "turn the tide on mental ill health" and help many people avoid a crisis.

ED PREZ DODGE

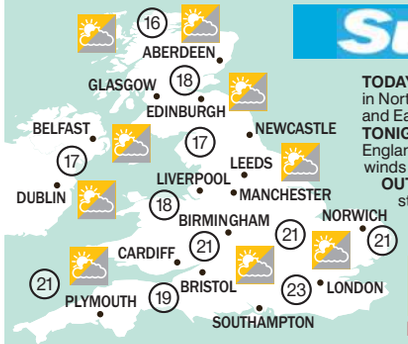
ED MILIBAND yesterday snubbed questions about his past criticisms of Donald Trump during talks in Washington DC.

The Foreign Secretary was asked if he still thought the US President was an "idiot, racist and a misogynist".

But Mr Miliband simply smirked and said he was looking forward to meeting counterpart Marco Rubio.

Mr Rubio invited him over to discuss efforts to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, which Mr Miliband called "essential to ease cost-of-living pressures" on hard-working Brits. They also talked about supporting Ukraine and the situation in Gaza.

Sun WEATHER



TODAY: Cloudy in North-East and West Midlands. Rain in North-West. Mostly sunny across Southern England and East of England.

TONIGHT: Cloudy in North-East and North-West England. Fair conditions in the South and East. Light winds across most regions.

OUTLOOK: On Friday, England sees a sunny start, turning cloudy in the afternoon. Saturday remains mostly cloudy with warm temperatures throughout.

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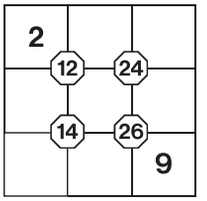

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

DIRECTOR **M. NIGHT SHYAMALAN, 56,** *left,* Oscar winner **MICHELLE YEOH, 64,** Spice Girl **GERI HALLIWELL, 54,** *right,* and ex-Arsenal star **ROBIN VAN PERSIE, 43.**

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YOUNGEST HEADLINER

Making history . . . Sabrina with her fellow 20-something Wembley headliners

Gift of the Sab

STAR TO MARK 28th WITH HISTORIC WEMBLEY SHOW

SABRINA Carpenter is poised to become the youngest solo female headliner at Wembley Stadium — shortly after she turns 28 next year.

The Sun can reveal the 27-year-old US singer is in talks to play the venue as part of a huge tour next summer.

Rihanna is currently the youngest female Wembley headliner – as she was 28 years and four months when she performed there in 2016.

Sabrina, whose birthday is next May, is set to play it before the end of August 2027 – so will be no older than 28 and three months, pipping Umbrella star Rihanna.

She also trumps megastars including Taylor Swift, who was 28 and six months when she first played Wembley on her Reputation Tour in 2018.

Sabrina supported Taylor when she returned for her record-breaking Eras Tour in 2024. Further back at the old Wembley Stadium, Sabrina's idol Madonna had just turned 29 when she played three nights at the home of English football in 1987.

Adele was a month older when she headlined the 90,000-capacity venue in 2017, while Dua Lipa was 29 and nine months at the time of her performances last summer.

Despite releasing first album Eyes Wide Open in 2015, it was not until mega-hit Espresso in April 2024 that Sabrina became a household name.

A source said: "Sabrina has exploded in the past couple of years – her team can't believe how quickly things have skyrocketed. Fans have been desperate for her to tour ever since she released her seventh album, Man's Best Friend, last year.

"She's now in discussions over a huge tour next summer with dates across the UK, including at Wembley."

EXCLUSIVE by JACK HARDWICK

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Gianni Infantino's attempted theft of the World Cup from the citizens of the Earth should be criminal

Dominic Mohan PAGE 15

LUNCHTIME SCISSORS

STABBED AT

● 2 men injured at show venue... 2 more hurt nearby

● Woman vapes after 15min Taser standoff with cops

Scene of horror . . . theatre

By MIKE SULLIVAN, SEBASTIAN HAW and BENEDICT ELLIOT

A WOMAN plunged a pair of scissors into two men outside a theatre in London's Covent Garden yesterday before stabbing two more males nearby.

The suspect was eventually tackled to the ground by Taser-wielding police officers after taking a puff on her vape at the end of a dramatic 15-minute standoff.

The four victims – aged 34, 39, 42 and 52 – were taken to a major trauma centre while a 47-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of assault and possessing an offensive weapon.

The Met Police called it an "isolated, mental health-related incident". Locals said the woman was staying at a nearby homeless hostel, and had been seen begging for money just before the terrifying lunchtime attack.

Last night, two of the victims remained in hospital with injuries not believed to be life-threatening or life-changing. The other two men were discharged after treatment.

Shocked witnesses told how violence erupted at around 12.30pm in London's packed West End, close to the Shaftesbury Theatre, which is currently showing Avenue Q.

One worker at the nearby Craft Beer Co said the suspect was seen approaching people before stabbing two men with scissors.

She then ran down Endell Street, where she attacked two more.

A waiter at a local chip shop told The Sun: "It was a homeless woman who randomly lunged at a group of people.

"It was an attack with a pair of scissors. There was a lot of confusion, people were still walking past when it happened."

He said the suspect "was very skinny and begging for money just before it happened", and police were on the scene within seconds.

There was then a dramatic 15-minute standoff with officers pointing Tasers at her as horrified bystanders looked on.

Brontë Giles, 26, said people in the crowd and police were telling the woman to put down the scissors and she was eventually tackled as she took a puff on her vape.

Brontë said: "She went to hit her vape and they swatted the weapons out of her hand."

A hero barber told how one of the victims burst in to his shop with a bloodied blue shirt, shouting: "I've been stabbed." He told The Sun: "I was cutting someone's hair when a man rushed in asking for help. He was bloodied and was holding his back.

"I immediately ran to give him some tissue and tried to calm him down. He said a woman had jumped at him without saying anything and just started attacking him with scissors near the theatre.

"While we were treating him he shouted that the same woman was coming back down the street."

The 36-year-old barber, who works at the 2 Chairs Grooming Room, then said he helped to confront the woman and stopped her from carrying out further attacks. He said: "We all came rushing out of our shops to help.

"I ran towards her down the street and she stopped and looked at me holding the scissors.

"She had a weird look in her eyes. It was like she was possessed almost. But I still ran towards her and held her back. I was holding the woman back to stop her from attacking more people."

The victim who rushed into his shop was later seen with a gash on his back before being taken to hospital. Matt Bishop, 42, who works at a nearby consultancy firm, said the woman had a standoff with three cops while waving a weapon around. He said: "I saw her running down the road towards the crossroads. She looked quite old, short hair. She was pretty incoherent in what she was shouting.

"The officer was asking what language she was shouting."

Police reinforcements quickly arrived, along with several ambulances. An air ambulance also landed in nearby Trafalgar Square in front of startled tourists, but was not required. Handymen Tim Keates, 61, and Ray Wat, 62, were painting a hair salon on the road next to the theatre when they saw the area being swarmed by the emergency services.

Tim said: "We heard it happened outside the theatre. There were about 20 police officers who came down the adjacent road following her where we were working.

"As the police were coming down the street we had paramedics here. Then there was an ambulance. It all happened within minutes."

A worker at clothing store Subdued witnessed the arrest, saying:

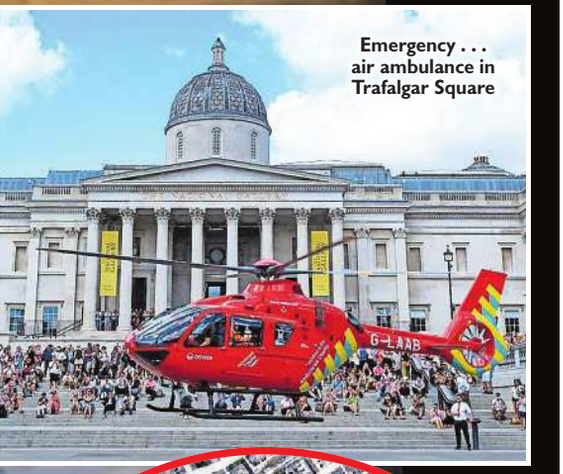
Under control . . . cops tackle vaping suspect to the ground

West End crime scene . . . police after stabbings yesterday

RAMPAGE IN WEST END THEATRE

Standoff . . . officers point Tasers at suspect in packed Covent Garden yesterday

Picture: SWNS



Emergency . . . air ambulance in Trafalgar Square

Bloody . . cop inspects victim's wounds

"It happened really quickly – it was crazy. She looked like quite an old woman holding scissors and the police tasered her and wrestled her to the ground. One man who had been stabbed took his shirt off because he was bleeding and an ambulance took him away."

A restaurant owner on Endell Street said the woman is frequently seen walking around the area.

And a local worker said he had seen the woman there over the past five years.

He added: "I never saw her being aggressive before. Sometimes people just snap." Afterwards police spoke to people at nearby St Mungo's homeless centre. A spokesman for the charity said they "could not confirm whether anyone from St Mungo's is involved at this stage".

They added: "Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by this distressing incident.

"We are working closely with emergency services on site."

The arrested woman was taken to a nearby police station where she was examined by a doctor.

Met Police Chief Supt Jason Stewart said his officers responded within minutes after receiving a number of reports. He added: "While still at an early stage of the investigation, we would like to reassure the community we currently believe this to be an isolated, mental health-related incident.

"A visible police presence will remain in the area while evidence is gathered at the scene and we thank the public for their understanding."

The London Ambulance Service confirmed that it treated four patients at the scene and took them all to a major trauma centre "as a priority".

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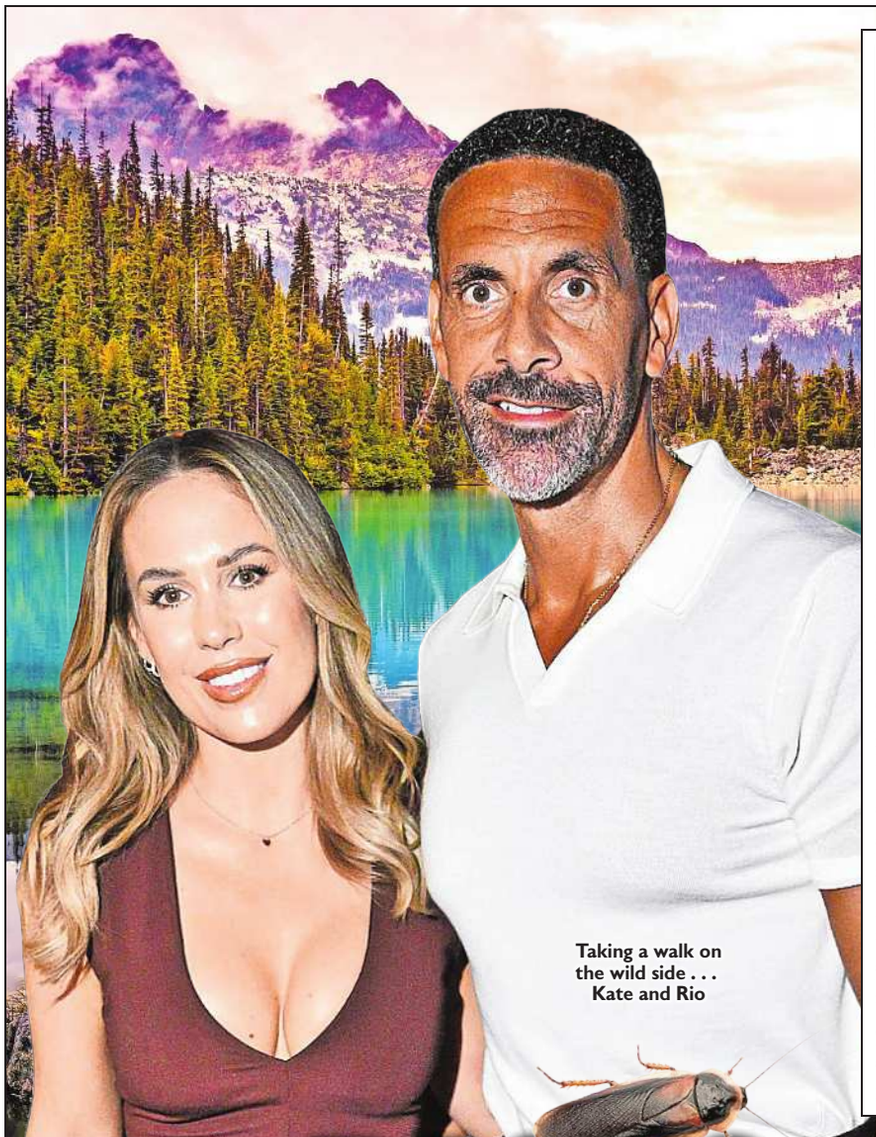

Taking a walk on the wild side . . . Kate and Rio

Controversy . . . hosts Ant and Dec with all-stars winner Adam Thomas

EXCLUSIVE by CLEMMIE MOODIE
Assistant Editor, Showbiz

FOOTIE star Rio Ferdinand and wife Kate have become the first married couple to sign up for ITV's widely hyped I'm A Celeb spin-off show.

The pair are in the final stages of negotiating a big-money deal to join a raft of top names to begin filming I'm A Celebrity: The Wild Frontier in Canada next month.

They will be asked to join forces and tackle a series of daredevil challenges and Bushtucker Trials.

It will be former Manchester United and England defender Rio's first real venture into reality TV as he joins his influencer partner on the new series, hosted by Ant and Dec.

A source said: "Bosses are overjoyed to have landed the Ferdinands. It's a real coup for the show.

"They have brilliant chemistry and are great fun. It will be the first time viewers have really seen Rio away from football chat, too.

"ITV are still in talks with some other brilliant names and this show promises to be absolutely spectacular – and a real social media talker."

Westlife and Boyzone stars Brian McFadden and Keith Duffy have reportedly each signed a £100,000 deal to appear in the programme, which airs next year. Rio and Towie reality TV star Kate's deal is likely to dwarf that.

News of this latest version of the hugely popular Bafta-winning series comes three months after the explosive finale of the South African version.

The show, which was filmed last year and featured campmates from previous series, averaged more than five million viewers a night, and was mired in controversy.

In the live studio final boxing champ David Haye and football's Jimmy Bullard got into an ugly row with the winner, Waterloo Road actor Adam Thomas, after several clashes in camp.

This new primetime version will see celebs take on a series of challenges in the rugged, untamed terrain of the bear-filled Canadian wilderness.

The Sun first told in May how ITV producers were creating the spin-off to celebrate 25 years since the original series aired in August 2002.

A source said at the time: "This has all been very hush-hush, but everyone involved is really excited.

"The scenery will be stunning and the action explosive."

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RIO & WIFE IN THE KATE OUTDOORS

YOU'RE MY WONDER ALL

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Denials . . . Prof Arday

Boasting Prof quits in 'cheat' inquiry

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

A PROFESSOR involved in a plagiarism row quit Cambridge University yesterday — after a string of outrageous boasts.

Jason Arday, 40, claimed he ran 30 marathons in 35 days, partly with a fractured leg.

He also said he ran 600 miles in six days another time and had raised £5million for charity but could not give details because of a non-disclosure agreement.

Prof Arday, who lectured on the sociology of education, became Cambridge's youngest black professor in 2023.

He has been accused of copying research, including for his PhD thesis, which he denies.

He wrote online that he wanted to "reclaim some peace" after an "unrelenting level of public scrutiny" — hours after the university announced an inquiry into his "academic qualifications and honorary appointments".

Death garb . . . Gillespie

Hospital rooftop 'Reaper' gets fine

By ALEX WEST

A MAN who dressed as the Grim Reaper to stare down at staff and visitors from a hospital roof has been fined £200.

Leon Gillespie, 26, stood there for almost an hour before cops and firefighters stepped in.

He was seen brandishing what appeared to be a long blade as he posed in a long, black hooded costume. His outfit was also described as being like a crow.

Gillespie, of Deganwy, Conwy, admitted causing a nuisance at Glan Clwyd hospital in Bodelwyddan, Denbighshire.

No reason for his behaviour was given to Llandudno magistrates.

Gillespie also admitted stealing £30 of cat food and litter from a Pets at Home in March, plus food and drink from a Sainsbury's in May. For those offences, he must pay £50 compensation, £100 fines and £100 costs.

POLICE'S PETITION TO SHAME ON

PC Harper widow slams killers' let-off

2 FINGERS UP AT SYSTEM

Vile Bowers shows his contempt at court in 2019

Lissie: Lags freed is like a punch to gut

By RYAN SABEY and MIKE SULLIVAN

THE widow of hero PC Andrew Harper yesterday described the planned early release of two of his killers as a "punch in the gut" — and told PM Andy Burnham: "You should be ashamed."

Devastated Lissie Harper said she will "never give up" in her bid to have Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole exempted from a scheme to let out prisoners guilty of manslaughter halfway through their sentence.

And she has thrown her weight behind an online Thames Valley Police Federation petition to stop his killers being freed, which more than 400,000 people had signed last night.

The Federation is also taking legal action over their early release — a move the chief constable of PC Harper's force confirmed yesterday that he was considering joining.

A poll for The Sun, meanwhile, revealed that 94 per cent of our readers want Andy Burnham to block the release of the two killers.

PC Harper died while investigating the theft of a £10,000 quad bike near Sulhamstead, Berks, in August 2019.

Bowers and Cole, then 17, tried to escape in a car driven by Henry Long, 18. The 28-year-old officer's ankles got caught in a heavy-duty tow strap and he suffered catastrophic injuries as he was dragged in the dark for more than a mile at an average 43mph.

Bowers and Cole were sentenced to 13 years in July 2020, meaning they could be released by October.

Long, the main perpetrator who pleaded guilty, got 16 years and is not eligible for release under the scheme.

Lissie, who had married PC Harper just four weeks before the tragedy, said: "Hopefully we can make the current Government come to their senses and realise we cannot put people like this back on our streets.

"Justice should mean justice and serving the sentence given.

"The Government has punched us in the gut . . . they should be ashamed of themselves."

She urged the public to put their names to the Police Federation's petition, which is getting around 12,500 signatures an hour.

It is quadruple the 100,000 mark, the point at which petitions are considered for debate in Parliament.

Lissie, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire, said: "Please sign our petition . . . we will never give up."

The Thames Valley Police Chief Constable, Jason Hogg, said he was receiving legal advice on whether the force could join the challenge.

He said: "This is something I certainly would consider.

"I do think that the public opinion is overwhelming in this matter.

"I think it's unfair and I do believe confidence in the criminal justice system risks being damaged.

"It's right for the Government to have a look at this."

He said it was "perverse" that Bowers and Cole were eligible for release and said the knowledge they were has had a "profound" effect on his 10,000 officers and staff.

He said he was "beyond disappointed" the Government was allowing Cole and Bowers to walk free early.

Chief Constable Hogg stressed there was a loophole in the justice system.

He said Harper's Law, for which Lissie fought and which is named for PC Harper, means anyone convicted of the manslaughter of an on-duty emergency worker gets a mandatory life term. He said that would be Cole and Bowers' fate if convicted today.

He has written to Andy Burnham demanding emergency legislation to close the loophole which enables the pair to be freed.

Aileen O'Connor, who chairs the Thames Valley Police Federation, said letting the two out would anger and demoralise serving officers.

She said: "I will throw everything I can at this through a proper legal challenge. Our colleagues will accept nothing less. It is a final betrayal from the politicians."

She thanked all those who have signed the petition, adding: "I couldn't believe in my wildest dreams that we would have reached that amount of signatures in such a short space of time. The Government need to listen and to be on the right side of this" Tory leader Kemi Badenoch said she supported the Federation.

She said: "I'm not arguing against early release. We've had early release even under Conservatives.

"I'm against early release of this dangerous category of rapists, paedophiles, killers, including the killers of PC Andrew Harper."

She told The Sun: "It doesn't have to be like this. In 14 years of Conservative government we never let rapists, paedophiles and killers out early.

"In fact, we made sure any early release was after two-thirds of a sentence. Labour have now lowered that to just one third."

PM Mr Burnham, currently on his summer holiday, is facing mounting pressure to exclude the killers of emergency workers as part of the initiative to free-up prison spaces. Some 5,000 criminals will be released over ten months from October. After the Government re-considered the scheme, those convicted of rape, serious child sexual offences and grooming will be excluded.

However, justice minister Jake Richards confirmed Bowers and Cole would remain subject to early release.

He argued: "It would be wrong to pick out individual cases within different offending cohorts.

"That wouldn't be right. It wouldn't be lawful either. I understand the strength of feeling from police officers generally, but of course within that force in particular after the awful incident with PC Harper.

"If we do not have prison places available then the police, the good work that they do every day on the streets, finding perpetrators, locking them up, it would be impossible."

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The Sun Says — Page Ten

STOP RELEASE HITS 400K

YOU, PM

Fight for justice . . . Lissie with her husband, PC Andrew Harper

Admitted role . . Henry Long

Convicted . . Jessie Cole

Found guilty . . Albert Bowers

Groomer gangs 'to be let out early too'

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

GROOMING gang members could also be freed early under Labour's controversial release policy.

Andy Burnham had vowed to exclude them from the scheme, designed to ease jail overcrowding, amid a backlash from the public.

But five members of a Bradford gang could be let out because they were charged only with indecent assault, according to analysis from The Times.

Mohammed Imran Akram, Safraz Ahmed Latif, Wajid Hussain, Mohammed Naheem and Nadeem Ali were all jailed for between six and eight years last October for sexually abusing a girl.

But their charge of indecent assault – which does not fall within the PM's exemptions – was imposed because many of their offences took place before anti-grooming laws were introduced in 2003.

Some could be back on the streets as early as 2028.

Tory leader Kemi Badenoch wrote to Mr Burnham yesterday accusing him of overseeing "yet another betrayal of victims".

She said: "On Tuesday, you told the country that those convicted of grooming offences would be excluded.

"Your own government has now put in writing that some of these men will be released early anyway."

Justice should mean justice and serving the sentence given – LISSIE HARPER, YESTERDAY

Pressure . . . Andy Burnham

THE Sun SAYS

Force his hand

DOES Andy Burnham really want a damaging court battle with the appalled police colleagues of an officer brutally killed in the line of duty?

His decision not to block the release of two of PC Andrew Harper's killers has spectacularly backfired.

Remorseless thugs Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole laughed in the faces of Andrew's grieving family at their trial.

They are the worst kind of scum and represent a huge risk to public safety.

That's why more than 400,000 people have signed a petition calling for them to stay behind bars.

It's also why the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police says he is considering joining a Police Federation legal challenge against Burnham's ruling.

Does our new Prime Minister really want to find himself in a Judicial Review, brought by the coppers he relies on to keep voters safe? Is he sure he wants to spend taxpayer money defending his position in such a legal battle?

Not only would it be morally wrong, but it would also be politically stupid for Burnham to effectively line up on the side of two cop-killers.

There is already legislation in Andrew's name – Harper's Law – which recognises assaulting an emergency services worker is an aggravating factor.

Extending this principle to the manslaughter of a cop – and excluding anybody guilty of this heinous crime from the early release scheme – is one way out of this mess.

Burnham knows MPs of all parties would back emergency legislation to keep Bowers and Cole locked up.

The public mood on this is clear.

Just do the right thing, PM.

Police support

IN another shameful case of police being let down, why did it take so long for the brave gun cop at the centre of the Chris Kaba shooting to finally be cleared?

In 2024, Sgt Martyn Blake was acquitted of murder after the death of gangster Kaba at a road block two years earlier.

But under pressure from Kaba's family, the Independent Office for Police Conduct probed Sgt Blake for misconduct for another two years.

Met Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley is right to describe the hounding of Sgt Blake as a disgrace.

Armed officers risking their lives in the line of duty deserve protection — not endless investigation.

Neet again

AT 16, young people should expect to have a world of opportunity ahead of them.

But for a huge number, it marks the age in which they are sucked into the welfare doom loop. The Sun reveals today a staggering 65 per cent of 16-year-olds not in work, education or training remain so a year later.

It's a quagmire of hopelessness from which too many never emerge.

CARING READERS SIGN PETITION

IT was the crime that shocked the nation – brave PC Andrew Harper was dragged to his death in 2019 as he attempted to stop thieves stealing a quad bike.

But now there is further outrage at the news that two of the brave officer's three killers could serve just half their prison sentences.

That is because new Prime Minister Andy Burnham has allowed offenders convicted of manslaughter to be included in an early release scheme.

Thames Valley Police, where PC Harper was serving at the time of his killing, is determined to make the Labour government change its mind. Aileen O'Connor, the chair of the force's federation, has started a petition calling for police officers to be properly protected.

In just a day, the change.org poll has received more than 400,000 signatures.

She wrote: "I challenge the Prime Minister and the Justice Secretary to stand before PC Andrew Harper's widow, Lissie, his parents, his brother, his loved ones, or indeed any police officer in this country, and explain why those responsible for killing a police officer should still be eligible for early release."

Sir Keir Starmer introduced an early release scheme to reduce prison overcrowding while he was in power. Burnham vowed to review the controversial decision, but has so far only excluded rapists and serious child sex offenders.

As a result, Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole, who were jailed for 13 years in 2020 for PC Harper's manslaughter, could soon be freed.

Henry Long, who drove the car that pulled PC Harper, 28, to his death at "breakneck speed", was also convicted of manslaughter but received a 16-year sentence and is not eligible for early release.

Furious Sun readers want justice for PC Harper. Here, we print just some of your messages . . .

By GRANT ROLLINGS

TRAGIC . . . PC Harper was killed while on duty in 2019

THE proposed early release of two of the prisoners responsible for the death of PC Harper is beyond disgraceful.

It is an insult to justice and Andy Burnham must stop this.

Failing to act does not just send the wrong message. It sets a dangerous precedent. It is a slap in the face to Andrew's widow, Lissie, every police officer and the law-abiding public.

STEPHEN TURNBULL, Chopwell, Tyne and Wear

SO the Prime Minister and Justice Secretary have angered cops over the dreadful decision to potentially let two of the killers of PC Harper go free early. What should have been said is that Andy Burnham has angered the vast majority of the **COUNTRY** by his appalling actions. He needs to reverse this catastrophe or resign!

BRIAN DAY, Pontefract, West Yorks

WHILE the plan to release PC Harper's killers goes ahead, our new PM is basking in the sun. Take note, Mr Burnham – the shine of your new reign is going to dull very quickly if you are not careful. I have just signed the petition and I hope that everyone unites in support.

EMMA MORTON, Devon

THE decision to include the killers of PC Andrew Harper in the early release scheme is an insult to his family and his memory, and flies in the face of every principle of common decency.

No one would argue with keeping rapists and child sex offenders behind bars, but killing an emergency worker in the course of their duty is no less of a crime.

LESLEY EVANS, Walsall

I AM by inclination an abolitionist on the issue of the death penalty.

However, with regards to the killers of PC Harper, had their sentence been hanging, perhaps it would have served as a deterrent – and the prisons would have been slightly less crowded.

JOHN BARSTOW, Pulborough, West Sussex

THE latest bid to release two of the killers early is an insult to the police force and, in particular, PC Harper's family.

Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole were even seen laughing as they left court ahead of their trial – they certainly do not deserve early release.

Prime Minister, please protect those that protect us.

PHIL HUGHES, Broadstairs, Kent

IT is entirely understandable that the police feel desperately unhappy at the prospect of two of PC Harper's killers being freed early.

If released, these men will have served barely six years for a crime that devastated a family, the entire police force and the public.

It must make officers question whether it is worth putting themselves in harm's way every day.

MAX MARTIN, Lordshill, Southampton

ABSOLUTELY shocking, disgusting and a gift for future cop killers, or indeed all killers.

PC Harper's poor wife and family must be going through hell reading of this Government's betrayal.

The 13 years given to both Bowers and Cole wasn't even enough for the evil, senseless killing of PC Harper, let alone six years.

Please show your disgust, British people, and let's make the time fit the crime.

PATRICIA OTTO-LANGUI, Tower Hamlets, E London

MOST of the UK will have heartfelt sympathy for the family of PC Harper.

I completely agree that this Government has failed them.

Shame on those who make these unacceptable decisions and excuses.

PC Harper deserves better.

MARION WHALLEY, Blackburn, Lancs

AILEEN O'CONNOR of Thames Valley Police brilliantly summed up the injustice of attempts to free two of PC Andrew Harper's killers early.

Andrew was her colleague and she was spot on calling the decision a "final betrayal by our politicians".

JOHN ROBSON, Newcastle

POLICE officers go to work each day, never knowing what might be in store for them, but they do it anyway.

It is shameful of our Government to decide that two of PC Harper's killers are "fit for release" before serving the totally inadequate sentence they were given initially.

The killers laugh at the law because it means nothing to them, and politicians will earn themselves well-deserved scorn and rebuke if they set them free early.

They have insulted the memory of PC Harper.

JEAN NORFOLK, Knottingley, West Yorks

OUTRAGE . . . O'Connor

Scan the QR code to sign the petition against PC Harper's killers being freed from jail early

Home . . . on Sandbanks

Crackers war over mansion

By ALEX WEST

A HOMEOWNER is battling to save his £4million mansion from demolition after a legal battle over planning with the boss of Ryvita.

Retired Neil Kennedy thought he secured permission for the home in Sandbanks, Poole.

But builders failed to stick to plans and left a balcony hanging over a neighbour's garden.

Officials gave retrospective planning permission. But crispbread firm boss Garth Weston, another neighbour, chose to sue.

The High Court declared the home illegal. Two years later, no enforcement action has been taken and Mr Kennedy has submitted a new planning application.

Collapsed . . . Alex

'Sudden death' of ace's son

By RYAN PARRY

THE son of footie ace Mark Hughes died from Sudden Adult Death Syndrome, an inquest heard.

Alex Hughes, 38, collapsed in his bedroom at home and was found by his two young sons at 7am on June 19.

His eldest lad, aged 11, carried out CPR in a bid to revive him in Prestbury, Cheshire.

Alex worked in player recruitment at League Two side Grimsby Town.

Cheshire coroner's court, in Warrington, concluded that he died by natural causes. Sudden Adult Death Syndrome is caused by cardiac arrest in younger people.

Dad Mark, 62, won the Premier League twice with Man Utd and scored 16 times for Wales.

The ex-Wales boss said at the time of his son's death: "He will be so deeply missed by us all."

Picture: GETTY

HANN'S UP FOR CUPID

ACTRESS Hannah Waddingham saw love bloom — after playing Cupid for Ted Lasso co-star Juno Temple. Hannah, 52, wore a flowery dress in New York at the series four premiere of the Apple TV hit. Juno, *with her, right*, has just wed Michal Szymanski, Hannah's driver. Juno, 37, said: "They had a secret code where I could meet them."

FAMILY SNUB

Brooklyn wed flag for Becks

MARKS SOLO 2ND WEDDING

EXCLUSIVE by ELLIE HENMAN

BROOKLYN Beckham and his wife yesterday publicly snubbed his parents again by marking the anniversary of their secret second wedding — to which David and Victoria were not invited.

Insiders said Brooklyn, 27, and Nicola Peltz, 31, now see it as the date they want to celebrate.

Their first wedding in 2022 became mired in controversy, with claims that former Spice Girl Victoria "danced inappropriately" with him.

Victoria, ex-footie ace David and the rest of Brooklyn's family were not invited to the second ceremony last year.

A source said: "Brooklyn and Nicola's first wedding in April 2022 is not an occasion they look back on fondly.

"Nicola ended up in tears. It's not something they want to be reminded of.

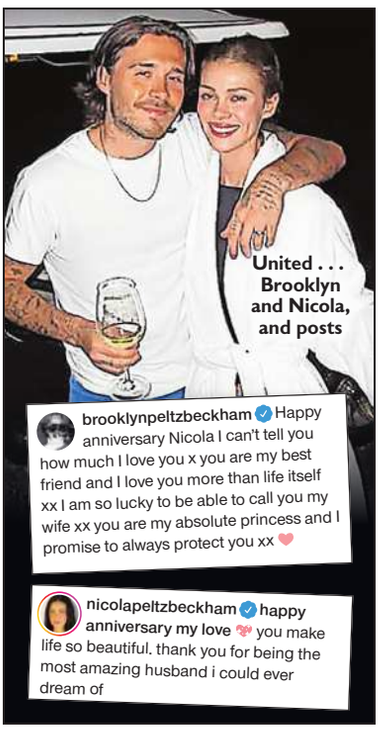
"Their second wedding, where they renewed their vows last August with just her family and their friends, does hold so many happy memories, however.

"They've decided that this is the date they will celebrate publicly together."

To celebrate the couple's second ceremony, Nicola shared a picture of her and Brooklyn together and wrote: "Happy anniversary my love. You make life so beautiful. thank you for being the most amazing husband I could ever dream of."

In his tribute, Brooklyn wrote: "Happy anniversary Nicola. I can't tell you how much I love you. You are my absolute princess and I promise to always protect you."

The source added: "Brooklyn and Nicola are thriving now and incredibly happy. Their second wedding last year was beautiful and couldn't have been more perfect. For them, this is the moment they want to celebrate."



United . . . Brooklyn and Nicola, and posts

brooklynpeltzbeckham Happy anniversary Nicola I can't tell you how much I love you x you are my best friend and I love you more than life itself xx I am so lucky to be able to call you my wife xx you are my absolute princess and I promise to always protect you xx ❤

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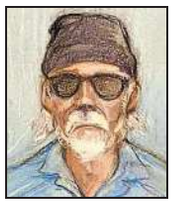


Sketch . . . ex-pop star

Glitter on video link over sex charges

By BENEDICT ELLIOTT

GARY Glitter lured an eight-year-old girl with chocolate and then sexually abused her at his home in the late 1970s, a court heard yesterday.

The former pop star, 82, is said to have targeted her for three years while she lived nearby in Kensington, West London.

The alleged victim went to police in 2025.

Glitter – real name Paul Gadd – faced four charges when he appeared by video link at Westminster magistrates' court. He is being held in HMP Channings Wood, Devon, after being jailed for 16 years in 2015.

He sat alone, wearing a blue shirt, jeans and sunglasses, with a grey cloth cap on backwards.

And he complained of noise distortion on his hearing aid.

District Judge Paul Goldspring remanded Glitter in custody to appear at the Old Bailey in September.

Still raving . . . over-50s

Gen Xers aged 50+ gig more than ever

By WILL BARKER

A FIFTH of Gen Xers aged over 50 go on more nights out now than they did 30 years ago, research shows.

And some 27 per cent said live music and nightlife remain a core part of their identity, while 22 per cent reckon music shaped the person they are today.

Nearly half also said their most treasured memories were made on the dancefloor, in a poll of 1,500 over-50s by Specsavers.

Generation X came of age in the rave culture of the late 1980s and 1990s.

Many still attend events that celebrate the sounds that defined their youth, from acid house, techno and trance to disco and club classics.

Electro duo Groove Armada, who are working with Specsavers on online hearing screening, said: "Our generation was the first to rave – and they're still on the dancefloor now."

POLICE SWARM HOME OF CELEB

By CLEMMIE MOODIE and GRANT TUCKER

AS the first-ever celebrity blogger, Perez Hilton made a name for himself with his acid tongue – and no star was safe from his wrath.

The controversial king of gossip would document the lives of the rich and famous, detailing the troubles of singer Britney Spears during her darkest moments and targeting Hollywood actress Lindsay Lohan as she battled with substance abuse.

Now, the former Celebrity Big Brother contestant has made headlines of his own as he appears to be struggling with a mental health issue.

Cops swarmed the US podcaster's house and he was rushed to hospital in Miami on Tuesday night after he live-streamed himself self-harming on TikTok for more than half an hour.

In images which are too graphic to print in a family newspaper, he showed himself covered head to toe in blood and holding a large knife.

Perez – real name Mario Lavandeira – is a single father to a 13-year-old son and two daughters, aged 11 and eight, all of them born via surrogacy.

He was home alone during the time of the incident and his TikTok account was suspended soon after.

But horrifying footage soon went viral on the internet yesterday, with social media firms battling to remove reposted clips.

Perez, 48, is now said to be recovering and receiving medical attention at a Miami hospital.

'Just spread filth'

Last night, former Page Three pin-up Katie Price told The Sun she was worried about what had happened to her long-time pal.

She said: "I am really concerned for Perez and his mental health. It's so sad to see him like this.

"I'm shocked by what has happened. I've always liked Perez.

"I've spoken to him so much over the years, including about surrogacy. I will reach out to him and his family.

"I'm a celebrity like him, controversial. He's not everyone's cup of tea, but then again, neither am I."

Despite finding fame with his infamous blog perezhilton.com, Perez later turned his back on his toxic past and expressed regret for his attacks – including against Katie.

He first began writing about celebrities in the mid-Noughties, using the free wi-fi at a branch of US chain The Coffee Bean And Tea Leaf near his home in LA.

Perez's lurid and often cruel takes on showbiz news quickly became a huge draw, with his blog attracting eight millions hits a day long before the age of social media and earning him a reported £22million.

The website, which was dubbed the most hated in Hollywood, even published upskirt photos of the biggest female stars, including then-teenagers Miley Cyrus and Amanda Bynes.

After Perez dubbed Jennifer Aniston "Maniston", the actress confronted him in a petrol station forecourt, while Nicole Richie tracked him down to a coffee shop and berated him.

Britney Spears appeared on his blog more than any other star – and he even continued his campaign after her public breakdown which culminated with her shaving her head in 2007. Perez, who is openly gay, was also criticised for outing stars he claimed were closeted, including Hollywood actors Neil Patrick Harris and Matt Bomer.

In 2006, when NSYNC member Lance Bass came out, he claimed Perez had "bullied" him into revealing he is gay.

And the blogger faced the wrath of more celebrities who had become his targets.

Black Swan actress Mila Kunis said: "To me, he was the first person that created ugly news, that literally just spread filth. It was just mean, and so it allowed people to be mean." She also claimed that the "whole concept of trolling really didn't exist" prior to his blog.

In 2007, Perez featured in several episodes of The View – the US version of Loose Women – and created his own UK series, Perez Hilton Superfan, for ITV2 in 2012.

Following the show's success, he landed a spot on 2015's Celebrity Big Brother alongside Katie Price, before they had become firm friends.

But he later spoke of his regret at being mean to people.

He said: "What's important for me is not being liked, but it is that people think I am no longer toxic to the world. I'm aware of the fact there are going to be a lot of people with lingering resentment and a lot of sceptics.

"And that's OK because I am not pretending to be perfect."

He later wrote in his 2020 memoir, TMI: My Life In Scandal: "I have a ton of regrets, particularly because I now see that I never needed to be so mean or cruel.

"One of the many things I regret is that I hurt so many people by giving them nasty nicknames, and above all that I was unkind to the children of celebrities.

"I had brainwashed myself into saying things like, 'If people don't like what I'm writing then they shouldn't read it'. Or '[*Perez is*] just a character, these people don't know the real me'.

"But at that point, I said, 'Wow, I need to take ownership of what's happening and what I'm doing'.

"You can do your job and have an opinion and have it be strong, but not be hurtful or cruel."

Some celebs accepted his apologies, including reality star Katie Price.

In 2018, ten years after the unlikely pals first met, Perez publicly defended Katie.

At a time when many people were quick to criticise the struggling glamour model, the American gamely went in to bat for her – risking the

EMERGENCY . . . police outside Perez's home in Miami on Tuesday night after shocking live stream

CHEST GOOD FRIENDS . . . no shirt for 2009 MTV bash alongside Lady Gaga

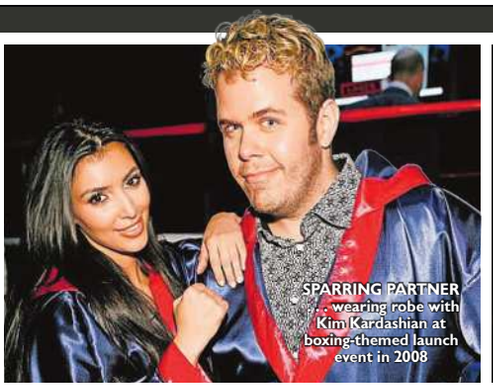
GOLDEN BOY . . . in shiny suit giving actress Lindsay Lohan a hug at 2010 party in California

MOTOR MOUTH . . . Perez Hilton in LA in 2022

SUPPORTIVE . . . pal Katie sent her best wishes

'I am really concerned for Perez and his mental health. It's so sad to see him like this. I'm shocked by what has happened and I will reach out to him and his family'
– KATIE PRICE

GOSSIP KING DURING TIKTOK STREAM



SPARRING PARTNER . . . wearing robe with Kim Kardashian at boxing-themed launch event in 2008

INSPIRED . . . in 2005 with heiress Paris Hilton, whose name he adapted for his pseudonym

DOWN TO A TEE . . . cheeky message while taking Katie for LA lunch date in 2008

Katie's fears for blogger pal Perez Hilton after self-harm video horror

FILMING . . . Instagram video talking about Ariana Grande on Tuesday before his streamed knife incident

mirth of millions. After all, years earlier he had viciously blasted her, calling Katie's face "busted and orange" and her personality "vapid".

He wrote on what was then Twitter: "She needs and deserves our compassion now, not any scorn."

And he added on his website: "We don't care what anyone says about her. We know the real Katie.

"She is kind. She is thoughtful. She is sweet. She is hardworking. She is smart!"

His words had an impact. They came when Katie was inundated with abuse after being declared bankrupt and following a string of dating disasters. After his posts, the tide slowly turned.

Of course, the fact that Katie forgave him for his previous unpleasantness tells you all you need to know about this woman.

She has seen and done it all, and words cannot hurt her as they would others. Her forgiveness meant a lot to Perez. He, too, has been publicly criticised and called out. And he was, by now, a reformed character.

Since their reconciliation, Perez has stuck devotedly by Katie.

Indeed, yesterday she told The Sun she wanted to share her best wishes for her Miami-based friend.

She is, like so many, worried about him and keeping him in her thoughts.

'God, show me the way'

Katie also comes from a relatively unique place of fame and has faced mental health battles herself.

And she is keen to stress Perez's kindness and generosity of spirit. She showed The Sun some of their Instagram DMs.

Perez, for instance, reached out to her when Katie's beloved mum Amy was ill, checking in and sending the family love. Since 2016, they have regularly swapped endlessly supportive private messages, each the other's biggest cheerleader.

The self-harm incident is not Perez's only recent health battle.

He claimed to have "found God" in March during a three-week stay in a Las Vegas hospital as he battled sepsis and a perforated ulcer, which he claimed was triggered by taking flu medication on an empty stomach.

Later, he underwent surgery twice and was treated for fluid in his lungs, deep vein thrombosis, kidney problems and an irregular heartbeat or arrhythmia.

Perez said: "It was God presenting himself to me, and then doing something that I could only describe as a miracle to heal me.

"I was still unwell, and then God did something."

Perez told how the health crisis had left him cash-strapped and he released a range of religious-themed clothing to help raise funds.

He said: "That's why your boy is now in hustle mode.

"I have all that to take care of and I wasn't able to work for more than a month.

"Wear something holy. Praise Him. And support your boy, if you want."

In June, he announced in an Instagram video that he and his three children were moving back to his native Miami after having lived in Las Vegas for three years.

He urged his army of social media followers to pray for him.

In a bizarre post titled The Devil Is Trying To Bring Me Down, he wrote: "I feel like I should be scared right now, but I'm not.

"I definitely am worried though. God, show me the way!"

Last night, the blogger's representatives, Golden Artists Entertainment co-CEOs Dante Rusciolelli and Rebekah Kochan, said: "Our primary concern is Perez's health and wellbeing, as well as the wellbeing of his family. Until we have confirmed information, we will not comment further.

"We appreciate everyone's concern and ask that his privacy be respected during this time."

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Dominic Mohan

GUEST COLUMNIST

Fancy a hydration break in prison showers, Gianni?

A SLIGHT and shifty dome-headed man who has the look of a squinting, hairless, newborn rodent squirms as he peers uncomfortably from a secure glass-panelled room deep in the Netherlands.

He is wailing from the dock following a three-year trial, soils his black Armani suit and blubs for forgiveness as a judge sentences him to life in jail.

"Take him down," bellows the judge, and the last thing on show is a pair of prison-issue crisp white trainers glinting in the light as the flailing figure is bundled away by four Dutch police officers, never to be seen in public again.

My repose has been troubled by this recurring, early-morning dream for many weeks now, a phantasm which emerged as the sleazy soccerball World Cup came to its grubby end.

It is something of a departure from bikini-adorning Brigitte Bardot and I frolicking in the lapping waters of St Tropez – my more common slumbering vision.

No, this one features Fifa president Gianni Infantino – Johnny Littlechild, to bestow his English moniker – at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, as he is found guilty of crimes against humanity. Hold that thought.

I must have spent several minutes, sorry weeks, poring over international law, the Geneva convention, the rules of the International Committee Of The Red Cross, fraud legislation, the powers of the ICC and talking to some of m'learned friends, and I believe my Infantino Infantasy could become a reality.

As a Swiss-Italian lawyer, this Gianni-come-lately should be familiar with such statutes.

And his attempted theft of the World Cup from the citizens of planet Earth should be criminal – and may well be prosecutable by international courts.

His aborted $20billion stitch-up with those Trump chumps was conducted on American soil, while the US was in conflict with Iran, as the tournament took place featuring both nations.

So while we are it, let's try to nail him under war crimes legislation.

The World Cup may be overseen by venal Fifa – forget not, a supposedly non-profit organisation – but belongs to us all, and is not there to be appropriated and put up for sale by a baldie buffoon driven by ego and avarice. By declaring war on football, its fans and its international associations, and offering private business stakes in the trophy, Infantino is unlawfully exporting a precious cultural treasure.

CRISIS . . . Infantino

The cup should be regarded as cultural property and shielded from misappropriation, therefore protected under the 1954 Hague Convention and international humanitarian law, which states that "parties may not seize, destroy or wilfully damage cultural property and must put a stop to theft, pillage or vandalism directed against it".

And get this. Article 8 (2) (b) (xvi) of the International Criminal Court's Elements Of Crime statute outlines the crime of pillaging, which declares a party may be prosecuted if:

'Perfect cell-mates'

"1. The perpetrator appropriated certain property. 2. The perpetrator intended to deprive the owner of the property and to appropriate it for private or personal use."

Case rests, m'lud.

This current president is the sacrilegious bellend who gave a Fifa peace prize to a sunburnt space hopper who then ordered that the brown stuff be bombed out of Iran mid-tournament.

Let Gianni's smirking pinhead be surgically removed from Trump's anus and then ensure he is packed off to The Hague forthwith, leaving Fifa to be reconstructed with an ethical and charitable heart, led by a more virtuous and moral figure like, say, Arsene Wenger – of course already within the organisation.

As he wrestles to save his Fifa career at a crisis meeting in Morocco, Infantino must now surely face spending the rest of his life banged up with his new genocidal monster mates, The Butcher Of Bosnia, former president Charles Taylor of Liberia and Radovan Karadzic, all convicted by international courts for crimes against humanity.

Perfect cell-mates.

Plenty of time for hydration breaks in those high-security jail showers, and maybe Gianni could pull off a sponsorship deal with Vaseline to ease his passage behind bars.

Infantino must do the time for committing the crime, namely Giannicide.

Isn't that outfit a bit cheeky, RiRi?

WHY do hairy-arsed builders always insist on showing their pale, sweating buttocks while bending over and working on the roadside?

We need to drill it into them that they must invest in some proper undies to cover their cracks.

As does Rihanna. You can't be carrying out important maintenance in the street dressed like that, luv.

KILLED . . . PC Harper

EARLY RELEASE A JOKE

I'VE been prattling on about 1996 recently and discovered that the UK population 30 years ago was 58,164,000.

It is now almost 70million – a rise of nearly 12million or 20 per cent. That's a lot of new faces to keep an eye on, and many will already be, or will go on to be, criminals.

The provision of prison places has lagged behind the startling population increase, with successive governments failing to build enough new jails, while insisting on banging up Nancy from Chelmsford for writing some stupid words on Facebook after a few too many chardonnays.

So, while many are languishing behind bars for some social media misstep malarkey, we now learn that the killers of PC Andrew Harper are on a short walk to freedom.

Poor Andrew's harrowing death came less than seven years ago. Out-bloody-rageous.

Meanwhile, it looks like 9,300 domestic abusers will also be handed Labour Get Out Of Jail Free cards despite the party's pledge to halve violence against women within a decade.

Do you sometimes think one slippery Westminster hand doesn't know what the other is doing?

The punishment certainly isn't quite fitting the crime.

I want to see our new PM immediately go on the front Adidas-clad foot and outline his position on this crisis – but I guess we'll have to wait until he returns from his holibobs.

This betrayal and dereliction of duty from our lawmakers goes against everything we are taught about being good citizens and abiding by the UK's rules and customs.

That laughter you're hearing is echoing all the way from House Block Two at Belmarsh, Wakefield A-Wing and beyond.

PRINCESS Eugenie is celebrating the birth of her daughter – in Portugal.

She and hubby Jack Brooksbank relocated to just outside Lisbon not long before her allegedly deviant daddy's car crash interview with Newsnight, thus ensuring she's a good 1,500 miles away from Pops.

Good work.

RETURN . . . streaker Erica

FLASHER AXE WAS A BOOB

I CANNOT help thinking that common sense has been eradicated from modern society in many quarters.

A small figure of a streaker was removed from a model village after a sliver of "negative feedback" claiming it was inappropriate.

But, after way more complaints about its disappearance, bosses have now seen sense and well-endowed Erica the Streaker is back where she belongs – near to the pitch at Godshill Model Village on the Isle of Wight.

The naked truth is that social meeja has fuelled rash, knee-jerk reactions by those in authority, who need to consider their decisions more slowly and wisely to prevent them looking like a bunch of tits themselves.

NIGEL FARAGE and Reform would be nuts to do a deal with goose-stepping capital punishment slatherer Rupert The 'Mare's Restore goons.

Reform has slowly but surely started to detoxify the party and, to many, offers a more palatable alternative than it did in the years when Lowe was flying high.

Now, Rupe has offered an oily olive branch to his dentally-challenged nemesis. But remember this, Nige – sometimes it is best not to get the band back together.

NEIL SO MISSED

FAREWELL to publicist-to-the-stars Neil Reading, cruelly snatched from us aged just 56.

I hadn't seen him for a while until, out of nowhere in March, he excitedly shared that he had arranged an exclusive interview for me with Trainspotting author Irvine Welsh.

Neil knew he was seriously ill, but not once did he let it slip – and that interview feels like it was some sort of parting gift from him.

Thank you to a class act who will be deeply missed.

ANYONE have a number for talent vacuum Romesh Ranganathan's agent?

She must be some sort of miracle worker or has serious dirt on the bosses at the BBC, ITV and Netflix. There can be no other explanation.

ANOTHER 1,211 of Burnham's boat people arrive during his second week of governance, just as he toddles off on hol.

Really? We all need a family break, but at least give it a month, Andeh. "Optics" and all that.

I hoped to see these gentlemanly groups of highly educated male lawyers, engineers and surgeons politely ushering women and children from the dinghies first.

Alas, after close inspection of videos and photographs from the scene, it soon became apparent there weren't any of 'em.

Zilch. Nada. Nish. 'Eff all.

COLIN ROBERTSON IS AWAY

6 IN 10 NEETS OUT OF WORK 1YR ON

YOUNG Brits face being written off from work or training while still in their teens, research shows.

EXCLUSIVE by RYAN SABEY

A study has revealed 65 per cent of 16-year-olds who are Neets — not in education, employment or training — will remain so the following year.

There is also a 71 per cent chance of them being a Neet for at least 12 months between the ages of 18 and 21 if they are not gaining skills at 16 or 17, the Department for Education says.

More than a million youngsters aged 16 to 24 are being left on the jobs scrapheap.

'Unacceptable' . . . Powell

Education Secretary Lucy Powell said: "Later this month, thousands will head to collect exam results.

"Sadly, many are going to leave school without a decent set of qualifications. Far too many will disengage at 16 and be written off. I won't accept that." She has faced a backlash for blaming the issue on schools reforms by a previous Education Secretary, Tory Michael Gove.

Labour has also cited the lack of focus on technical qualifications.

But Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary Helen Whately instead blamed the Government's "jobs tax and employment red tape".

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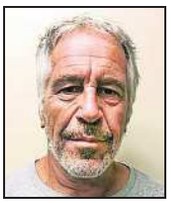

Call . . . on Epstein

Labour's 'let down Epstein survivors'

By TOM SCOTSON

THE Tories have accused Labour of giving Jeffrey Epstein's victims false hope of a public inquiry into the US paedophile's UK activities.

Junior minister Alex Davies-Jones had indicated to the BBC that Andy Burnham was looking at a full-scale probe.

But within hours the Government insisted an inquiry was not being actively considered.

Tory deputy chairman Matt Vickers accused Labour of "freelancing on the airwaves", telling The Sun: "You cannot run a Government on a whim, especially when the issues are this serious."

Victims Minister Ms Davies-Jones had said the Government was reviewing "what is possible" and she'd been assured that the PM is "taking this very seriously".

She told Newsnight: "He will meet with those victims and he is looking at what is possible."

Custody . . . Ahmadzai

Body in suitcase accused in court

By LEAH RENZ

A MAN suspected of killing a British charity worker and disposing of her body in a suitcase is expected to be charged with her murder.

The body of Elisabeth-Jane Ross, 38, was found by a homeless man in a derelict building in Athens on July 18.

Afghan boxer Sharif Ahmadzai, 26, appeared at court in the Greek capital yesterday.

It is understood he was assigned a lawyer at a hearing held in private.

Married Ahmadzai, who is in custody, is due back in court again today.

He says he found Elisabeth dead at the flat she was staying at and admits dumping her body.

Ahmadzai now faces charges of homicide with intent and stealing more than £8,500 from her bank accounts.

Elisabeth, of Edinburgh, was in Greece volunteering for a refugee charity.

'MURDER' ON CAMPING TRIP

GIRL, 9 'KILLED BY DAD' ON HOLS

Tribute to 'incredible' Minnie

In handcuffs . . . Rice yesterday

'Beautiful and brave' . . . schoolgirl Minnie

By PAUL SIMS

A FATHER appeared in court yesterday accused of murdering his nine-year-old daughter on a summer camping trip.

Minnie Merriman was found seriously injured on an industrial estate while holidaying with family.

Christopher Rice, 35, was charged with her murder during a hearing.

He was escorted into court wearing handcuffs, a grey T-shirt and matching jogging bottoms.

Minnie's grieving family issued a statement yesterday paying tribute to the fun-loving schoolgirl.

They said: "We are devastated with the loss of our beloved, absolutely incredible, beautiful and brave Minnie Moo. Our family asks that our privacy is respected at this extremely difficult time."

Minnie, of Wakefield, West Yorks, was found fatally injured shortly after midnight on Monday near Elliot Beach in Arbroath, Scotland.

She and three others were taken to Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, where Minnie later died.

The three others, whose ages remain unknown, were treated by medics and discharged.

Rice, also of Wakefield, was taken to the same hospital separately. He was later released into police custody and charged.

He did not enter a plea at Forfar Sheriff Court and was committed for further examination. He was remanded in custody.

Rice is due to appear in court again within eight days. Witnesses said they saw the family cooking on an outdoor stove by the roadside hours before Minnie was found.

Forensics officers were seen searching the area and looking inside a car. An incident tent covered the family's shelter.

Flowers were laid at the scene yesterday. Det Insp Mike Ness, of Police Scotland's major investigation team, said: "Our thoughts remain with everyone affected by these events, especially Minnie's family. Police will remain in the area while inquiries continue."

It is understood that West Yorkshire Police are supporting Police Scotland's investigation into the death.

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Search . . . forensic officers at scene

Tributes . . . flowers are left nearby

CELEB BIG BRO NAMES RETURN

IF, like me, you're missing watching famous people make a tit of themselves on Celebrity Big Brother during its year's break, you're in luck.

Telly insiders have told me that ITV bosses are lining up a string of ex-CBB stars for the upcoming civilian series, which kicks off an eight-week run on September 13.

I understand these celebs will be placed into the house as resident guests, a bit like when SHARON OSBOURNE, *inset, above*, was a lodger in CBB back in 2024.

And to make it all the more exciting, those clever-clogs telly types are casting from all previous series of CBB, meaning they could bring in talent we watched back in the day on Channel 4 and Channel 5. My mole said: "ITV are always thinking up new ways to inject even more fun into Big Brother.

"The plan is to find big stars from all of the CBB series to come in and surprise the housemates.

"The finer details are still being thrashed out, with the idea that some would come in as guest residents and others for specific tasks.

"ITV are working hard on lining up their dream celebs and they think it could work a treat. No celeb is off the table."

Bar the really troublesome ones, I assume. Fibbing ROXANNE PALLETT, *left*, anyone?

No, I didn't think so.

Katseye two shy

US GIRL group KATSEYE lost a second member as they walked the red carpet at the Los Angeles premiere of their new movie Wild Hearts.

Band members LARA RAJ, MEGAN SKIENDIEL, DANIELA AVANZINI and YOONCHAE JEUNG wore black dresses to the event, which SOPHIA LAFORTEZA was forced to skip due to illness.

It comes after the announcement earlier this year that their sixth member, MANON BANNERMAN, was taking a hiatus for her "personal health and wellbeing".

The film hits cinemas next Wednesday, so fans may get answers then.

STAN REMEMBERS MUM'S GOOD LIFE WITH A SONG

SINGER-songwriter **STANLEY BLOOM** is hoping to raise some much-needed cash for charity in honour of his late mum, actress **Dame PENELOPE KEITH**.

Alongside his pal **ALI DUFF**, who has teamed up with him on the track, Stanley is releasing an upbeat summer tune called Keep Smiling.

Proceeds from the track will raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Poppyscotland, which provide support for Army veterans and their families.

Keep Smiling was written by Stanley, *right*, in honour of his mum, Good Life and To The Manor Born star Penelope, who died in June aged 86.

He said: "It's a nod to Mum and her look on life. She was always positive and smiling."

Stanley, whose real name is Paul, debuted the track at Belladrum Festival, close to Inverness, over the weekend, and is lined up to play at Carfest at Silverstone on August 30.

You can find all you need to know by checking him out on socials – @stanleybloommusic.

THAT'S AMORE, SHAWN

SHAWN MENDES has confirmed his romance with Brazilian actress **BRUNA MARQUEZINE** and gone public by saying she has "truly changed" his life.

The Stitches singer was first linked to the glamorous star at the end of 2025, but he has finally opened up about their relationship in a sweet message to mark her birthday.

Writing in a mix of her native Portuguese and English, he said: "Feliz aniversário, my baby.

"You are a light and a mãe in every room you walk into. Not to be tooooo sappy but you've truly changed my life and I am so so grateful for you. Eu te amo muito muito muitoo!!! We all do amor."

They were spotted together at a **DUA LIPA** concert in Sao Paulo last November and have since been seen partying in Rio De Janeiro and Los Angeles.

A DOCUMENTARY film charting LINKIN PARK's journey from losing singer CHESTER BENNINGTON to returning with their 2024 No1 album From Zero is coming to cinemas nationwide.

Linkin Park: Unshatter is out on September 30, with the companion soundtrack – recorded in Brazil – arriving five days earlier.

JO DOES STIRLING WORK

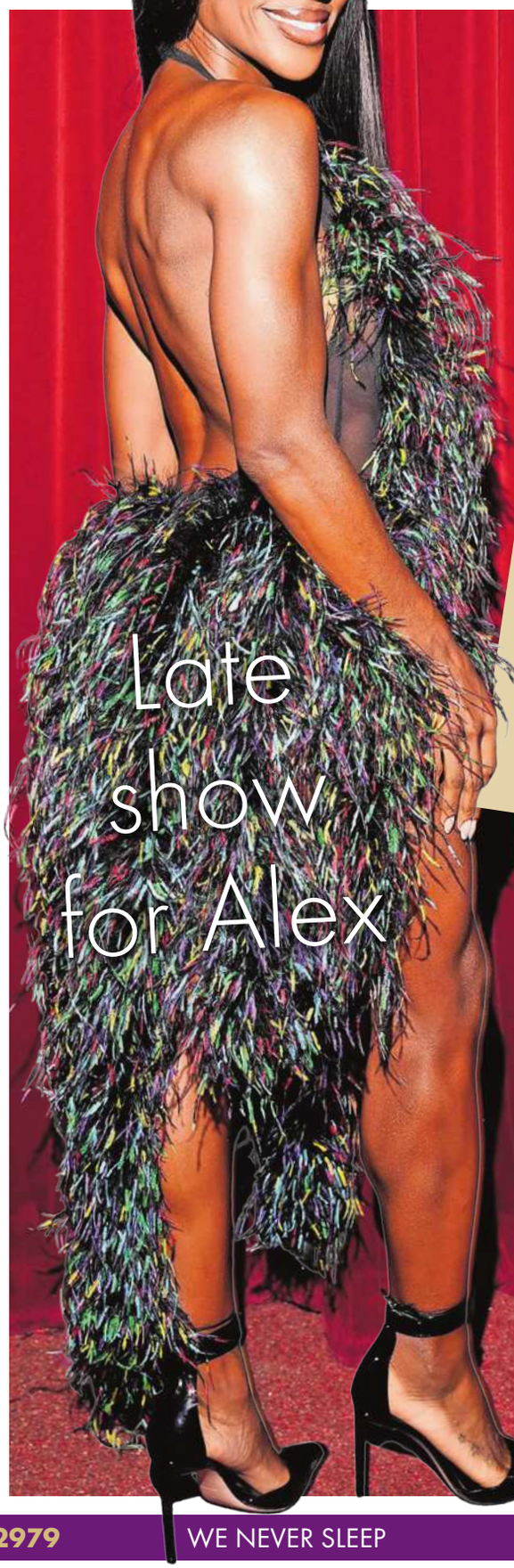
JO WHILEY, *inset*, has announced a special BBC Introducing night in Stirling ahead of Radio 2 In The Park next month.

The event, on September 10, will showcase some of Scotland's best up-and-coming artists – **ALICE FAYRE**, **FRIGHT YEARS** and **JAMES EMMANUEL**.

They will each perform an original song and a cover, before sitting down to chat with Jo.

The veteran DJ said: "I cannot wait to visit Stirling for the first time for Radio 2 In The Park in September, and to present a live show from the city featuring three local musicians will be very special indeed."

You can apply for tickets to the show now on the BBC's website, with highlights being broadcast the following day on BBC Radio Scotland from 8pm.



Late show for Alex

ELLIE HENMAN'S

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REDDY AND WAITING . . . Alexandra on stage as funk legend Chaka

ALEXANDRA BURKE looked like a superstar in this fluffy gown at the launch of I'm Every Woman: The CHAKA KHAN Musical, in which she plays the funk legend.

But while she looked the part, it was Ain't Nobody singer Chaka who proved the ultimate diva – with the entire performance being delayed because the night's star guest was so late. Chaka was originally due to walk the red carpet at 5.30pm ahead of a prompt 7pm start.

However, by 7.20pm, journalists were ushered to their seats, with still no sign of Chaka arriving.

She eventually walked into the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre at 7.35pm – with the cast so keen to get cracking that they started seconds after she sat down.

It's fair to say the singer has never been the most punctual, with six references in the show's script to her being late.

At one point in the musical, which runs until September 27, her manager tells her: "I need you in the studio at ten, not 11, not whenever the spirit takes you."

If only her real-life manager had told her that on Tuesday.

HELL FOR LEATHER . . . Chaka eventually arrives at the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre

TOMMY'S NEW TRACK IS A STEAL

RISING star duo **TOMMY LEFROY** have announced their debut record, The Precariat, will be released on October 23.

To celebrate, the group's **WYNTER BETHEL** and **TESSA MOUZOURAKIS** have dropped new single Thief today to whet fans' appetites.

It's accompanied by a stunning video shot in abandoned spaces across North America, which this snap is taken from.

ASHLEY ROBERTS is flying the flag for Brazil after the PUSSYCAT DOLLS announced a one-off show there.

The group were forced to axe their North American tour because of poor ticket sales but they have got high hopes for their concert in Sao Paulo on October 30.

It will be the first time Ashley and bandmates NICOLE SCHERZINGER and KIMBERLY WYATT have played a stadium in the South American country.

Ash, who was so excited that she also posed for a picture with a coconut, said on Instagram: "It's official, Pussycat Dolls are coming to Brazil.

"We couldn't be more excited. The love you show us doesn't go unnoticed so of course we had to party with you all."

The headline show will come after their UK tour in September and October. I've no doubt we Brits will get them nicely warmed up for their Brazilian fans.

Ash nuts for Brazil

ROCK 'N' ROLL STARS

New Oasis reunion bid...with ALL band members

NOEL and LIAM GALLAGHER won't look back in anger when OASIS are inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame later this year.

Instead, the brothers – who settled their long-running feud ahead of last summer's Live '25 comeback tour – will aim to reunite the band's early line-up so they can revel in the industry honour together.

We're told that the idea is for all the musicians who joined Oasis in the Nineties to attend the prestigious induction ceremony in Los Angeles in November.

A source who is putting together the reunion revealed that Noel and Liam will likely be joined at the event by **GEM ARCHER**, **PAUL "BONEHEAD" ARTHURS**, **ANDY BELL**, **PAUL McGUIGAN**, **ALAN WHITE** and **TONY McCARROLL** – who I understand was asked to attend to patch up his rift with Noel.

The pair had a rocky relationship, with Tony claiming he was booted from the group after standing up to Noel during a 1995 hotel row. But insiders said Noel and Liam wanted to make sure everyone got their time to shine, with Tony accepting the invitation.

SUPERGROUP . . . Nineties members Gem Archer, Paul 'Bonehead' Arthurs, Andy Bell, Paul 'Guigsy' McGuigan, Alan White and Tony McCarroll will all attend bash

A music mole explained: "This is going to be an incredible moment for Oasis, and Noel and Liam wanted everyone involved.

"Tony has been spoken to and is keen to come. What happened in the past is now water under the bridge.

"He is aiming to fly to LA for the ceremony along with the rest of the band.

"For the organisers, it couldn't have come together better.

"Seeing all of these musicians in the same room is one thing, but while there is a hope they may perform, nothing is set in stone. It would be a moment in rock 'n' roll history."

This year's induction is set to be a huge celebration of British music, with **PHIL COLLINS**, **IRON MAIDEN** and **JOY DIVISION/NEW ORDER** all celebrated on the same night.

Sir PAUL McCARTNEY is being lined up to introduce Oasis, with all the stops being pulled out to make this moment truly unforgettable.

I revealed last month that Oasis were poised to announce in September more live shows, meaning last summer's Britpop revival will carry on well into 2027.

Long may it continue . . .

COMEBACK . . . Liam and Noel last year

With HOWELL DAVIES & JACK HARDWICK

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DEAL OF DAY

RUSTLE up easy meals over the summer holidays with this 9.5-litre dual-drawer air fryer, down from £75 to £49 at George from Asda.

SAVE: £26

CHEAP TREAT

LOAD a glass with ice and pour a can of San Pellegrino Orange for a refreshing drink on a hot day, £4 for a pack of six from Morrisons.

DECLUTTERING COULD NET YOU SUMMER CASH

By LANA CLEMENTS

FROM holidays to days out, we see the summer as a time for having fun.

But all those activities can be a drain on your budget.

If you could do with some extra cash to carry you through to September, here are some ideas to line your pockets . . .

GET SELLING: You could be sitting on a small fortune in items you no longer use.

Clear out wardrobes, cupboards, sheds and under the bed, and list anything that you had forgotten about on sites such as Vinted and Facebook's Marketplace.

Small sales of a few quid can all add up to a healthy boost to your budget – and you have the added advantage of making extra space at home.

MARKET RESEARCH: Get paid small sums to carry out research on behalf of brands where you trial new items and give your feedback.

You can expect to be paid around £80 to try out a vacuum cleaner, for example. As an added bonus, you'll often get to keep fancy home and kitchen gadgets.

Try signing up to zestfieldwork.co.uk. After filling in an online profile, you will start to receive email invites for relevant studies, which you can accept or decline.

You will then be contacted if you have been selected to trial the product.

REFER A PAL: If you've had great service from a provider or supplier, you can cash in by recommending friends or family. Most companies will offer a reward if you share a link with a pal and they become a customer.

For example, Octopus Energy will give both you and your mate £50 of bill credit when they make the switch.

BANK BOOST: If you have been with the same bank for a long time, now could be the time to consider looking for a new provider and receive a reward.

Many banks offer customers a lump sum incentive to make the move. Just make sure that the new account suits all your needs.

For example, you can get £220 by switching a current account to HSBC or £200 when you move to NatWest.

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Singing star . . . Chris

Rea's gift of £12m for family

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

SINGER Chris Rea, best known for the festive hit Driving Home for Christmas, left a £12million final gift to his family.

Documents show Rea, who died three days before last Christmas aged 74, put the sum into a trust for his wife Joan.

He left £14,435,894, reduced to £12,063,178 after taxes and debts.

A grant of probate was issued by the High Court this week, allowing the trust to be accessed.

Middlesbrough-born Rea signed his final will last October, two months before his death. Joan will also collect her husband's belongings and future song royalties.

Driving Home for Christmas was originally released as a B-side in 1986, and reached only number 53 in the charts when reissued in 1988.

But it has entered the UK singles chart every year since 2007, peaking at number ten in 2021.

3 ways to slow Alz

SCIENTISTS have revealed the three key targets in middle-age for staving off dementia.

Those between the ages of 45 and 65 should keep a healthy blood pressure, avoid Type 2 diabetes, and not smoke.

Analysis of 12,409 people over 26 years found those who hit all the goals but went on to develop dementia were diagnosed aged 86 rather than 73.

Aston University's Prof Ian Maidment said of the New York study: "Following a healthy lifestyle can have a real impact."

HE'S LOOP-THE-LOOPY FOR HER

YELLINGHAM!

Jude takes girlfriend for day out at Alton Towers

Roller mania . . . ace Jude and Ashlyn, left. Top, the Oblivion ride

Pictures: DANIEL CHESLER / SWNS

Thrillseekers . . . couple at park

THREE Lions hero Jude Bellingham's thrilling summer has hit new heights — with a day out at Alton Towers.

The 23-year-old midfielder was seen walking around the theme park with his 28-year-old girlfriend Ashlyn Castro.

Jude has just helped England to their best performance at a World Cup for 60 years but appeared to be targeting some more summer excitement with the visit.

Footage shows him and the American model walking through the park – which has rollercoasters including the towering 180ft-high Oblivion, Nemesis Reborn and The Smiler. Jude was wearing a white tank top and brown flares, while Ashlyn wore a white T-shirt, blue jeans and was carrying a cream over-the-shoulder handbag.

By PAUL SIMS

Their presence appeared to cause quite the stir as they were followed around at times by a large crowd at the venue in Staffordshire.

Staff members are seen in the video standing around Jude and Ashlyn, who have been dating since 2024, and urging other park visitors to stay back and give them space.

The day out continues a busy summer for Jude since the World Cup ended in the US with third place for England last month. He finished as top scorer for Thomas Tuchel's side with seven goals.

He has been given several weeks off before he rejoins club side Real Madrid – who are now managed by former Chelsea and Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho.

Jude and Ashlyn have already enjoyed a holiday in Hawaii.

On Friday, after returning to the UK, he watched his boyhood club Birmingham City host Barcelona in a pre-season friendly.

Watching from the stands, he wore the Championship team's shirt, and received an ovation from fans of the club he began his career with, before leaving in 2020 to join German side Borussia Dortmund.

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ARRESTED OVER RAPE ON BEACH

By SAM CREED

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of rape on a beach.

Police said the 28-year-old was being held after an alleged attack in the early hours of yesterday.

Forensics teams scoured the scene in Brighton and a woman in her 20s is being supported by specialist officers.

Cops were seen spread out across the pebbled shoreline yesterday, with some carrying bags of evidence away from the area.

Sussex Police said: "We are investigating the report of a rape on Brighton beach.

"A 28-year-old man remains in custody. Anyone with information is asked to contact us." The tourist hotspot was quiet yesterday while a police cordon prevented people accessing an area between the i360 observation tower and the beach's volleyball courts.

In a separate incident, Akiyas Jameldeen, 51, of Crawley, West Sussex, is charged with raping a woman near the city's marina on Sunday morning.

And three migrants were jailed last month for a gang rape on Brighton beach.

Egyptians Karin Al-Danasurt, 20, and Ibrahim Alshafe, 25, and Iranian national Abdulla Ahmadi, 26, carried out the attack last October.

Looking for clues . . . police

Mum's all write now

A MUM who fell 40ft from a balcony has written a book to help her kids understand her injuries.

Raina Heverin, 44, plunged into a courtyard while sleepwalking during a family trip to Paris.

The fitness fan suffered a bleed on the brain in April last year and spent seven months in hospital.

Mum-of-two Raina, from Liverpool, advised: "Don't give up — keep going."

HOG SCOTCH

Farmer Bill Garratt, 81, hopes to get £750,000 for a collection of whiskies kept in a converted pigsty in Ravensden, Beds.

Majority of stores. Excludes Morrisons Daily. Online varies. Innocent Smooth Orange Juice 1.35l, £2.22/litre. Warburtons Crumpet Thins 8 pack, 12.5p per crumpet. Pukka Steak & Kidney Pie 219g, £7.99/kg. Anchor Spreadable 750g, £6.66/kg. Innocent, Warburtons and Anchor offers end 18/08/26. Charity Reg No 207994 (England and Wales), SC038731 (Scotland). T&Cs: my.morrisons.com/marie-curie-epgb-tcs/

DOUGHNUTS

THIN & KRISPY

Mum loses 22st by ditching sugary treat

A MUM who regularly ate up to 50 Krispy Kreme doughnuts for breakfast lost more than 20stone to become a champion bodybuilder.

Andreina De Sousa Abreu – 31stone at her heaviest – had to work two jobs when her eating spiralled out of control.

She would scoff a loaf of bread for lunch and tuck into a takeaway for dinner, snacking on chocolate and crisps. Her bulk broke seven beds.

But the mum of two, *left*, started doing YouTube workouts when doctors warned her she was putting her life

TO DUMBBELLS

Fitting tribute . . . slimline mum with two of her body-building trophies

By AMIR RAZAVI

at risk. Andreina swapped the £1,000 a month she was spending on Krispy Kremes for therapy and slowly rebuilt her life.

Now 40, she tips the scales at 9st and has gone from a size 28 to a size six to eight. She has won eight international bodybuilding titles.

The online coach and personal trainer, from Hounslow, West London, said: "I would walk to Tesco every morning and buy 50 doughnuts and wash it down with a milkshake.

"Eating became an addiction. I would eat and eat and eat until I couldn't even recognise myself any more.

"I used to be fit and healthy. But I had a traumatic experience, and then there was Covid. I secluded myself into this dark little bubble.

"I felt ashamed to go anywhere and didn't want people looking at me."

Then Andreina was given the doctors' stark warning. Unable to access a gym during lockdown, she began working out at home, doing a Les Mills 45-minute bodypump workout every day.

She started recording herself doing home workouts and posting them on social media to keep herself motivated. She first tried bodybuilding in October 2021.

Andreina said of her transformation: "It's still not easy, but if I can do it, anybody can do it."

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Pictures: SWNS

WE SAW A HOLE IN THE MOON...

A SECTION of a discarded rocket hit the moon at 5,400mph yesterday after drifting in space for more than a year.

The four-ton chunk, as big as a four-storey building, struck the sunlit side of our satellite at 7.35am UK time.

It was the upper half of the Falcon 9 designed by Elon Musk's SpaceX firm – the bottom booster

By SEBASTIAN HAW

is reusable – launched in January 2025. Ordinarily it would have fallen back to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere.

Experts had feared a potential collision. SpaceX's Julianna Scheiman said on Monday: "A mixture of solar activity and gravity forces have put it on a path toward the moon."

Scientists in Chile believe they captured the impact on telescope. There are now about 3,000 human-made objects on the moon, weighing around 190 tons – raising fears for future lunar missions.

2025 launch . . . Falcon 9

British astronomer Jenifer Millard called the latest incident a "red flag", saying a crewed base could be struck by an out-of-control rocket body. She said: "We can't change where it's going to land."

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Escape bid . . . Kaba

Gun cop in clear on Kaba shooting

By MIKE SULLIVAN

THE police marksman who shot dead gangster Chris Kaba will not face disciplinary proceedings, a watchdog has said.

Sgt Martyn Blake fired at Kaba, 24, when he tried to ram his way past police cars in Streatham, South London, in 2022.

Blake was cleared of murder in 2024. Proceedings involving him were paused until a relevant law change came in.

In June the use of force test was raised from civil to criminal law standards, meaning actions cleared in court do not trigger disciplinary panels.

Met Police chief Sir Mark Rowley said the Independent Office for Police Conduct's decision ended "almost four years of uncertainty" for Blake.

He called the accountability process for officers "disgraceful". A coroner will now decide whether an inquest will take place into Kaba's death.

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Murdered . . . Joshua

Boy slain over £20 debt for cannabis

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A TEEN is facing a life sentence after stabbing another boy to death over a £20 cannabis debt.

The 16-year-old, who cannot be named, wanted to save face with pals.

He stabbed trainee bricklayer Joshua Ingram, also 16, twice in the chest last September while they were travelling home from college.

CCTV showed Joshua lifting his shirt to reveal wounds which had pierced his heart before collapsing on the platform at Seaford rail station, East Sussex.

He was declared dead at the scene.

Joshua's killer admitted manslaughter but was convicted of murder by a jury at Hove crown court.

His sentencing was adjourned until October.

In a statement, Joshua's family, of Newhaven, said: "We hope Josh's story serves as a reminder of the devastating consequences of knife crime."

BRIDE'S RING FLINGER

1 Guests look for ring after it went flying at the beachside ceremony

2 Metal detectorist Steve Andrews is called in to search the area

Picture: PAUL WRIGHT/SWNS

3 Abi and Tony go on with the ceremony

4 Pal Jess returns the ring at the reception

By VERONICA LORRAINE

A BRIDE called in a metal detectorist when her engagement ring flew off at her beach wedding.

Abi and Tony Clark, both 32, were tying the knot when she tried to swat away a bee.

The ring, which she had removed and was holding in her hand, went flying at St Brelade's Bay Hotel in Jersey.

Guests mentioned local metal detectorist Steve Andrews from Lost Ring Metal Detecting, who came straight away and found it in ten minutes.

Teacher Abi said: "When we were about to cut our wedding cake, the toastmaster said that our guests Callum and Jess had an announcement.

"In that moment I knew they had found the ring. I instantly felt really emotional, but so thankful."

WOMAN'S TROLLING OVER JOJO

STALKER HELL OF LOVE ISLE CHRIS

Romance . . Chris with US singer JoJo

EXCLUSIVE by FELICITY CROSS and KELLY ALLEN

CELEBRITY Big Brother and Love Island star Chris Hughes has been stalked by a female fan for six years.

The woman has claimed in private and online that she has had an intimate relationship with the BBC sports presenter.

She alleges, bizarrely, that Chris, 33, has extorted more than £700million from her over the years.

The woman also claims his yearlong romance with US pop star JoJo Siwa, 23, is a fake PR relationship.

Sources close to Chris, who found fame on Love Island in 2017 and has recently been working with BBC Sport on their Winter Olympics and Wimbledon coverage, say the obsessed fan has become more malicious since he met JoJo on Celebrity Big Brother in April 2025.

His team has hired a private detective to try to uncover her identity and whereabouts.

A source said: "Chris is deeply appreciative of his fans' support and has always tried to keep a good relationship with them, even the trolls.

"But there has to be a line and this woman has certainly crossed it. Not only has she made personal claims about an alleged link to Chris, she's alleging criminal activity. Most upsetting for him, though, is that she has it in for him and JoJo.

"She says their relationship is all part of a PR contract agreed before Celebrity Big Brother. It's all lies and her supposed 'proof' is nonsense."

The source added: "It's really horrible for them but this woman does not live in the UK so it's not easy to take action."

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Odd claim he took £700m

Let go . . . Prof Angliss

Uni prof sacked for faking signature

By ROBIN PERRIE

A PROFESSOR was sacked after forging her boss's signature in an attempt to secure a promotion, a tribunal heard.

Katy Angliss, 55, a chartered engineer at the University of Warwick, was denied a career advancement in 2020/21.

But she saved dean Robin Clark's signature from the rejection letter and fraudulently used it to make it look like he supported her when she submitted a second application in 2023.

Angliss called it an "honest mistake" but the top-ten university fired her for gross misconduct.

The lecturer tried to sue Warwick for unfair dismissal, as well as sex and age discrimination, but lost her case.

The panel at Birmingham Employment Tribunal said: "We are driven to the conclusion that the claimant cannot be considered a reliable witness of truth."

'Load of Gs' . . Skupien

Brit Louis makes a Mach at 1,320mph

By SAM CREED

A GYM owner is believed to be the first Brit civilian to fly an F-16 fighter jet at supersonic speeds.

Louis Skupien, 24, hit 1,320mph in the "wild" ride, which saw him break the sound barrier twice and reach 50,000ft.

US fighter pilot Major Anthony "Hash" Pipe handed him the controls 10,000ft above Edwards Air Force Base in Kern County, California.

Louis, from Ilminster, Somerset, said: "We pulled a load of Gs and it takes 20 minutes to get up there in a normal plane. It took 20 seconds.

"I was then able to fly the jet for 15 minutes – it was absolutely ridiculous.

"I said to Hash I really wanted to push it so we went to Mach 1.58 which is enough to make your stomach feel a bit weird!"

It came after Louis interviewed a former real-life Top Gun pilot for his podcast in 2022.

CRISTIANO SHOWS OFF 'MY TOYS

CHAMPION DAD . . . with fiancée Georgina and kids Alana, Eva, Bella and Mateo

ON HOW MANY CARS HE HAS:
'If I had to bet, I'd say 40 or 41... I don't know. I love the Bugattis. I have a few. They are different beasts'

Bugatti Centodieci
One of only ten in the world, this was a 36th birthday treat. 0-62mph in 2.4 secs

Ferrari 599 GTO
Worth around £1m, bought in July 2011, it features blacked-out windows

McLaren Senna
Bought in 2019, £750k hypercar is named after F1 legend Ayrton Senna

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Has sea dri mid

Ferrari Monza SP1
Worth around £5m. Bought after Ron visited firm's HQ in Maranello, Italy

Ferrari Daytona SP3
Worth up to £6m. Has style of historical models with modern engineering

MOTORVATION . . . star surveys just some of his stunning collection of supercars

By TOM BRYDEN and RYAN PARRY

HE may well be getting married this weekend, but right now it seems Cristiano Ronaldo's mind is somewhere else – his multi-million-pound collection of supercars.

The 41-year-old Portuguese footballer took to Instagram yesterday to share a rare glimpse inside his garage – filled with an array of gleaming motors.

Underneath the post the icon wrote "My toys", alongside a rocket emoji.

The cars are parked inside Ron's pristine marble-paved garage at his luxury mansion in Portugal.

The Al-Nassr and Portugal captain's latest post reveals a fleet that makes Bruce Wayne's cave in Batman look like a second-hand banger dealership.

Headlining CR7's ridiculous line-up is the jewel in his crown – an ultra-rare Bugatti Centodieci, worth a mind-boggling £12.5million.

With only ten ever built worldwide, this 1,600-horsepower beast shares space with his £5m Bugatti Chiron and a £2.5m Bugatti Veyron Grand Sport Vitesse.

The former Man United, Real Madrid and Juventus superstar also snapped his breathtaking Ferrari SP3 Daytona, valued at up to £6m, alongside the open-top Ferrari Monza SP1, worth around £5m.

There's also his everyday family runaround – a £500,000 Ferrari Purosangue SUV – and a classic Ferrari 599 GTO, which would have set him back around £1m.

If that wasn't enough to make petrolheads weep, Ronaldo also squeezed in his track-ready Mercedes-AMG ONE – a £2.4m monster powered by a Formula 1 engine.

Completing the dream drive are a pair of rare British hypercars: The sleek, three-seater McLaren Speedtail, estimated at £2.5m, and the ferocious, wing-heavy McLaren Senna, which was bought for £750,000 but now has a value around £1.2million.

The cars on display in his post total more than £36million, but it is believed Ronaldo has in excess of 40 stunning vehicles in his wider collection, with a total value of around £100million.

A precise number is hard to come by – not helped by the fact Ronaldo, who last October became football's first billionaire player, previously admitted he has lost count.

"If I had to bet, I'd say 40 or 41 . . . I don't know," he said with a laugh when asked during an interview with Piers Morgan.

And the marque closest to his heart?

"I love the Bugattis," he said. "I have a few. They are different beasts."

Other motors in Ron's garage include a recently acquired £3.2m Bugatti Tourbillon, a Lamborghini Aventador (£270,000), Bentley Flying Spur (£250,000), a Mercedes G-Wagon Brabus (£600,000) and three Rolls-Royces.

The footie superstar, who earns £175million a year with his Saudi Pro League club, was even gifted a £164,000 BMW XM SUV by them in 2024 alongside his team-mates.

He also dropped a bombshell in his sit-down chat with Piers – he doesn't take to the wheel in any of them.

"I never drive," he said when Piers asked if he ever takes them for a spin. "For example, I was in Madrid for one week. And I didn't even go to my garage to see the cars.

"Just on the day that I left, the two Bugattis went for an inspection. They came back, and I looked at them to see that they were clean and all good, and then they went to the garage.

"But honestly, for me, cars are not any more a passion." But he does drive if he needs to – including when he had to get the BMW gifted to him by his club back to his home.

Admittedly, squeezing your Ferrari out of this garage without a single scratch on the bodywork would be like trying to parallel park the space shuttle.

So it's little wonder that most of the time the cylinders in these feats of engineering lay dormant – no doubt to the disappointment of many car enthusiasts.

It's less garage and more art gallery – and Ronaldo admits to buying them as investments.

"Three weeks ago, I bought a car," he told Piers in their November inter-

PITCH PERFECT . . . goal joy during World Cup

Formula Superstar striker has £100m

motors Pothole-dodging like rubbish

' AHEAD OF WEDDING TO GEORGINA

Bugatti Veyron Grand Sport Vitesse
A gift to himself after leading Portugal to their Euro 2016 win

Laren Speedtail
s a unique three-
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dle. Cost: £1.75m.

DRIVING FORCE . . . with fiancée Georgina

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illion of supercars

ON HIS COLLECTION:
'Three weeks ago, I bought a car [a £3.2m Bugatti Tourbillon]**. I'm not going to drive that car. It's like an investment'**

CALL OF BEAUTY . . . Lamborghini Aventador was a 27th birthday gift. Its matte black paint job gives it the look of a stealth fighter. The motor would currently fetch around £270,000

GRILLES 'N' THRILLS . . . with £164k BMW XM that was gifted to him and teammates by their club Al-Nassr

WINGING IT . . . Ronaldo's McLaren Senna features signature butterfly doors. Its 800bhp V8 engine takes it to 62mph in 2.8 seconds

TRUCKY NUMBER . . . the £600,000 Mercedes G Wagon Brabus was a 35th birthday present from Georgina in 2020

KIN OF THE ROAD . . . Georgina presents Ronaldo with £300,000 Rolls-Royce Dawn convertible in December 2022

, talking about his recent pur-
se of a Bugatti Tourbillon – a car
a price that starts at £3.2million.
hat is for collection. It's like if
buy a frame," he added.
m not going to drive that car. It's
an investment."
if he did not have enough motors
ady, Ronaldo has also received a
ber of cars as gifts from his
-to-be, Georgina Rodriguez, 32.
at includes a Mercedes G-Wagon
ous SUV worth £630,000 given to
for his 35th birthday in 2020.
hanks my love for this amazing
rise," Ronaldo wrote on Instagram
he time.
e also gifted him a Rolls-Royce Dawn worth more than £250,000 – complete with big red bow – for Christmas in 2022.

At the weekend The Sun revealed the footballer is finally set to marry this Saturday on Madeira, the island where he was born and raised.

A cathedral in Funchal has been booked for a big wedding, with the nearby five-star Savoy Palace hotel expected to host the reception.

Ronaldo, who is dad to Cristiano Jr, 16, twins Eva and Mateo, nine, Alana, eight, and Bella, four, told Piers: "When you reach some level, the money doesn't matter any more, in my opinion. But it's always good to have more because we are human beings."

Mario Kart PAGES 36 & 37

Thursday TV GUIDE

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BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Animal Park (R,S)
10.15 Trace, Track, Get My Car Back Vehicle recovery specialists track down a stolen caravan. (R,S)
10.45 Expert Witness (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer (S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Philip Serrell and Ben Cooper guide the teams around the Oswestry Showground. (R,S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing Blacksmith Kev Paxton tackles a rusty water tank and upholsterer Larissa Great-Rex brings some life back to a set of tired dining chairs. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country A couple from Manchester look for a new home in West Yorkshire. (R,S)
3.45 The Bidding Room Dealers bid for a football game, wooden steps, a map and a Noh mask. (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz hosted by Jason Manford. (S)
5.15 Pointless With Alexander Armstrong and Konnie Huq. (R,S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.30 Regional News (S)

9pm Katarina Johnson-Thompson in Who Do You Think You Are?

7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Roman Kemp present the magazine show featuring a mixture of celebrity chat and stories of interest. (S)
7.30 EastEnders Sheila faces mounting pressure, Priya is confronted with some hard truths, and Mark clashes with Max over Lauren. (S)
8.00 Fake Or Fortune? (4/4) The art detectives head to Somerset, where 15 unsigned prints of Lucian Freud's etching Girl with Fig Leaf have been discovered in a garage. Will they prove to have been authentic works by the colossus of British 20th century portraiture – or not so much Freud, as fraud? (S)
9.00 Who Do You Think You Are? (8/8) Katarina Johnson-Thompson travels to the Bahamas and Miami in search of her ancestry, and discovers tales of resilience and courage. (S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 Murder 24/7 (5 & 6/8) Double bill. The investigation into the 2025 murder of 54-year-old Hereford man Jamie Gawler, found in his flat having being beaten to death. Then, police struggle to build a case – until a bloody footprint is found. (R,S)
12.40 Alan Carr's Picture Slam With contestants from Lancashire, Birmingham and Cardiff. (R,S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead** **1.30-6am** BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.15 am Homes Under The Hammer Property auctions. (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World With Monty Don. (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Finish Line (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? With Vernon Kay. (R,S)
2.45 The Hairy Bikers' Bakeation Travelling through France. (R,S)
3.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown A prize at the Mid Devon Show is vital for Louise and Olly's future. (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow The team visits Toronto. First shown in 2003. (R,S)
5.15 Flog It! Presenter Paul Martin visits Ickworth House, a classical mansion near Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk. (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Double bill. With former players Gethin Jones, Tiff Stevenson, Kate Thornton and Gary Wilmot. Then, Gethin Jones, Tiff Stevenson, Kate Thornton and Gary Wilmot take part. (R,S)

9pm A lucky escape in The Devil In The Family: The Fall Of Ruby Franke

7.00 Escape To The Country (10/20) Alistair Appleton guides a pair of budding entrepreneurs who want to escape to the Cotswolds. They have a generous £900,000 budget to play with. (R,S)
8.00 Digging For Britain (3/6) Archaeological treasures in the west of Britain, including a rare medieval cemetery, a disappearing Mesolithic landscape and the ruins of a gothic masterpiece. (R,S)
9.00 The Devil In The Family: The Fall Of Ruby Franke (3/3) With the Franke family isolated, people on the outside try to find out what is happening, and the reality is worse than anyone imagined. (S)
9.50 The Fens: A Wild Year (2/3) The ancient wetlands and fertile farmland that make up the fens of East Anglia. (R,S)
10.00 Inside No 9 (3/6) Detective inspector Katrina is determined to crack the case of a missing boy, while also battling her inner demons. Starring Sophie Okonedo. (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight Analysis of the day's events with Paddy O'Connell. (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 Women Talking FILM The women of an isolated religious community grapple with reconciling a brutal reality with their faith. Drama with Rooney Mara. (2022) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
12.40 Sign Zone: Ambulance (R,S,SL) **1.40-2.40am** Evolution (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain (S)
10.00 This Morning Daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, lifestyle features, topical discussion, health advice and more. (S)
1.30 ITV News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and his team are in Sheffield, where Mark Stevens meets his match, and Tracy Thackray-Howitt splashes some serious cash. (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal Stephen Mulhern hosts as Claire tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order, taking on the infamous Banker for the chance to win a life-changing cash prize. (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV News (S)

7.30pm Tom learns how farmers produce tomatoes in Tom Kerridge Cooks Italy

7.30 Tom Kerridge Cooks Italy (4/6) Tom learns how farmers produce tomatoes for passata, and later heads south to cook lamb cutlets with pomegranate couscous. (S)
8.00 Emmerdale Charity takes big steps, and the Dingles unite in their grief at Monty's funeral. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Kit extends an ominous invitation to Gary, Tim gets reacquainted with his cousin Richie, Lauren offers Betsy an apology, and Fiz lets Ross know that she misses Cassie. (S)
9.00 The Chase Around The World (4/6) The teams land in Paris to take on the Vixen and the Beast, who have set a series of quiz questions that the players must solve to find Bradley Walsh at the finish line. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 Casino Royale FILM James Bond pursues an international criminal responsible for financing terrorist organisations across the world. Spy thriller starring Daniel Craig, Eva Green and Mads Mikkelsen. (2006) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
1.10 Shop On TV 3.00 The Summit. The group is reduced from 14 to 11. (R,S,SL) **3.50** Unwind With ITV. Daily escape designed to calm the mind and encourage relaxation and reflection. (S) **5.05-6am** Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Special. Zoe Ball takes on the Banker. (R,S,SL)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Three episodes. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA The chef tries to restore a Texas eatery's former glory. (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Items in south Wales include a snooker table and a Gothic-style organ. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway Two strangers buy a bungalow at auction in the market town of Glossop. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun Craig Rowe helps a couple buy a holiday home in southern Tenerife. (R,S)
4.00 Saving Country Houses With Penelope Keith Rescuing a derelict and overgrown pond in the Cotswolds. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY Sarah and George upgrade their wedding business. (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz come across a huge 200,000-square-foot factory. (R,S)

8pm Vogue Williams and Luke Mabbott help a retired artist in Renovation Rescue

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Renovation Rescue In West Sussex, Vogue Williams and Luke Mabbott help to salvage artist Penny's dream of a relaxing retirement. (S)
9.00 Murder Case: The Digital Detectives How detectives used digital forensics to uncover the events of the night Matthew Daulby was fatally stabbed after a street fight in Ormskirk in July 2023. (S)
10.00 The Body Detectives (1/3) The work of an organisation dedicated to revisiting forgotten cases, beginning with the disappearance of a man off the Norfolk coast in 1984 while on a family holiday. (R,S)
11.05 Social Media Monsters (1/10) Examining serious crimes where social media has played a significant role, with interviews with victims and input from experts. Beginning with the murder of 15-year-old Holly Newton whose social media accounts were hacked by her ex-boyfriend who used them to track her movements, find her and stab her over 30 times. (R,S)
12.05 Crime Scene Cleaners (R,S,SL) **1.00** Murder Case: The Digital Detectives (R,S,SL) **1.55** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (R,S,SL) **2.45** The Undeclared War (R,S,SL) **4.30** Kirstie And Phil's Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds (R,S,SL) **4.55** Couples Come Dine With Me (R,S,SL) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate, presented by Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran. (S)
12.45 5 News (S)
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)
2.20 Evil In A Small Town FILM When her parents go missing on a family vacation, a teenager must find them – but she may be trusting the wrong people. Thriller starring Veronica Ramirez. (2023) ✪✪ (S)
4.00 Castle Part one of two. Beckett, Castle and the team investigate when a woman is murdered and the evidence points to the return of serial killer Jerry Tyson, aka The Triple Killer. (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature An initiative encouraging children to engage in outdoor play. (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Menorca: A Year In The Sun Part one of two. A profile of the Mediterranean island. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

9pm A rooftop murder exposes old grudges in Benidorm Is Murder

7.00 Around The World In First Class With Josie Gibson (2/4) Josie flies upper class to Grenada, and explores a tucked-away boutique resort called 473, a private suite of villas by the sea. (S) Then **5 News Update**
8.00 Cornwall: A Year By The Sea (10/10) At Watergate Bay, Michelin-starred chef Chris Eden and his team attempt their first beach feast of the summer. (S)
9.00 Benidorm Is Murder (2/6) At the Laughter Lounge, Frank Mann hosts faded game-show star Vince Starky, whose comeback could save debt-ridden owner Ziggy. When doorman Paco finds a rooftop corpse, Dennis uncovers suspicious clues and Rosa unearths grudges, debts and secrets. Crime drama starring John Hannah. (S)
10.00 Killer At The Crime Scene In a Silicon Valley home invasion, millionaire Raveesh Kumra is murdered. No forced entry leads investigators to suspect an inside job. (R,S)
11.05 Murdered At First Sight (2/10) A father of three who was shot in his car. (R,S)
12.05 Street Cops: Catching The Yobs (R,S) **1.00** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **2.50** Castle (R,S) **3.40** Friends (R,S) **4.35** The Highland Vet (R,S,SL) **5.25** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.35** Milo (R,S,SL) **5.45-6am** The Adventures Of Paddington (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **10.00** Yr Whws **10.05** Caru Canu A Stori **10.15** Sigldigwt **10.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **12.00** Newyddion S4C **12.05** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **2.00** Newyddion S4C **2.05** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **4.00** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **5.00** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **7.50** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **10.30** Y Babell Lên 2026 **11.00-12.05am** Yr Afon

FILMS ✪✪✪✪✪ Brilliant ✪✪✪✪ Very Good ✪✪✪ Good ✪✪ Not Bad ✪ Poor (R) Repeat (S) Subtitles (SL) Sign Language

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HIT . . . Di and Sue in Ann Droid

BOTS OF SUPPORT FOR SUE

SURPRISE hit Ann Droid starring DIANE MORGAN and SUE JOHNSTON looks set to get a second series

Over the first week, including catch-up streams online, it gained four million views; almost half of those were people watching it live on BBC One.

The sitcom is about an android called Linda (Morgan), who is purchased to look after elderly lady Sue (Johnston), who has been widowed for two years.

When her son Michael, played by PAUL READY, moves out he gets his mum a hi-tech robot to help look after her.

The follow-up series is already being developed by Ann Droid's production company Buffalo Pictures – which is co-owned by MARTIN CLUNES and his producer wife Philippa Braithwaite.

However, the BBC has yet to formally commission it and announce its return.

DISNEY's new boss **JOSH D'AMARO** has announced they're considering launching fast channels, like many of its streaming rivals, in a bid to compete. Talking this week he said the free services would be a way to boost advertising and provide a funnel to their paid-for services.

GEN Z? IT WILL DOO FOR BEEB

THE BBC has booked a string of Gen Z content creators for the spin-off of STACEY DOOLEY's upcoming health show Clickbait Clinic.

The line-up won't be too familiar to TV viewers, even though they have a combined online following of 15 million.

RuPaul's Drag Race queen Paige Three, Beauty influencer Tennessee Thresher, fitness pro Lily Lifts and YouTuber SV2 are among those who will appear.

HOST. . Stacey

The main show will be on BBC One, but the spin-off featuring the influencers will be digital-first on iPlayer and YouTube. Both air next year.

Stacey, Love Island's Doctor ALEX GEORGE and the content creators will explore the science behind some of the internet's most-viewed health fads – from horny goat weed to coffee enemas.

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Clothes show out of fashion

EMMA'S RESTYLE AXED AFTER ONE SERIES

IT was the fashion show that aimed to give clothes a second life – though ironically it won't be getting a second series.

I can reveal that ReStyle, hosted by **EMMA WILLIS**, will not be returning after it debuted on Prime Video last year.

The programme, sponsored by fashion app Vinted, challenged eight up-and-coming designers from across Europe to transform "preloved" clothes into runway-ready looks.

A TV insider said: "The overall idea was a worthy one which tapped into the hunger for fashion, sustainability as well as anything that felt like some kind of life hack.

STILL BUSY . . . host

"But the show didn't quite gain the audience it needed to justify getting another series, even though there were hopes it might continue for years to come."

The source added: "Fashion shows now have to vie with competition from influencers and online shows, many of which also tap into the fashion and beauty market."

The news come weeks after I revealed that **AJ ODUDU** and **VERNON KAY**'s show M&S: Dress The Nation had been axed by ITV, though at least that made it to a second series.

Like ReStyle, Dress The Nation was a contest in which up-and-coming creative types had to prove their skills, with the chance of bagging a top contract with M&S.

It was a particular blow for AJ, as the other big ITV show that she presents – Celebrity Big Brother – already has a big question mark hanging over its future.

Axing ReStyle is likely to be a disappointment for Emma as it was another foray for her into making television for streaming platforms.

Her first – for Netflix – was Love Is Blind, which she co-hosted with her husband **MATT WILLIS**.

However, she is still hosting Cooking With The Stars alongside comedian **TOM ALLEN**.

She has at least one more series of The Voice on ITV, plus there's a little dance show coming up on BBC One that will also help to fill her time.

TIGHT SPOT . . Sam (Danny) held by The Cuban (Sebastian)

SHARPSHOOTER . . . Cath takes aim in new show Kill Jackie

IN A BIND . . . Catherine and Darci, who plays Gwen

ICE SETTING . . . Jackie (Catherine) and Zigor (Oscar) by ice-cream van

COOL CATH'S A HIT-WOMAN

GUN-TOTING CATHERINE ZETA-JONES goes undercover in her new drama – under a head scarf, that is.

The Welsh actress takes the lead in upcoming Prime Video thriller Kill Jackie, based on Nick Harkaway's acclaimed novel The Price You Pay.

This first look reveals Zeta-Jones as Jackie Price, the glamorous art dealer whose lethal past as an international drug smuggler catches up with her when a squad of the world's most terrifying assassins, The Seven Demons, come after her.

The cast also includes DANIEL INGS, star of The Gentleman and The Crown, Masters Of The Air actor RAFF LAW, OSCAR JAENADA as Zigor, SEBASTIAN ARMESTO as The Cuban and newcomer DARCI SHAW plays Gwen.

RICHARD ON NEW MISSION

RICHARD MADDEN may have been in Hollywood for years, but it looks as if the Bodyguard action-hero is heading back to London to take on terrorists once again.

The Scottish actor is poised to star in upcoming Prime Video thriller Trauma.

Richard's career took off after being cast as soldier-turned-cop David Budd in JED MERCURIO's hit show, which aired on BBC One in 2018.

HERO . . . star

After that huge success, he jetted to Los Angeles to star in a string of big films and TV series, ranging from Eternals to Citadel.

In Trauma he plays another former military man who has to combat terrorists after they seize a London hospital.

And, just like his character in Bodyguard – who was protecting the Home Secretary, played by KEELEY HAWES – this time he's desperately trying to save the Prime Minister in the Prime Video hostage thriller.

If I were Jed I'd be feeling rather flattered . . . and also sensing a little déjà vu.

THE BBC has confirmed The Sun's story that Traitors favourite **JOE MARLER** will become the first-ever Celebrity Gladiator.

The ex-England rugby ace will be known as "Mauler" and battle civilian contenders across series four of Gladiators, which is filming now.

IT'S FARE DEAL BY THE BEEB

THE BBC is offering a £250million contract to a company able to provide its travel.

It will cover the cost of flights, hotels and trains as well as other related costs around the globe and covers the BBC Group, which includes its subsidiaries such as BBC Studios.

But the figure does not include taxi fares as those are covered in another contract worth £63million – which was advertised earlier this year.

A BBC spokeswoman said: "We operate 24 hours a day around the world and travel costs are inevitable, so we have to find a way to meet our needs and offer value for money.

"We have introduced cost control measures to reduce non-essential travel and we expect to spend less than the maximum estimated value of this five-year contract."

Thursday

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FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** Sort Your Life Out With Stacey Solomon **9.00** Better Date Than Never. A group of people take their first steps into the dating scene. **12.10** Things You Should Have Done **1.40-2am** Tartan Around With Lawrence Chaney

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm Great British Railway Journeys **7.30** Pubs, Ponds And Power: The Story Of The Village **8.00 FILM** Superman. Comic-strip adventure starring Christopher Reeve. (1978) **10.15** Christopher Reeve: Keeping Hope In Motion **11.15** Parkinson **12.15** Ian Rankin's Hidden Edinburgh **1.10** Pubs, Ponds And Power: The Story Of The Village **1.40-2.40am** Ian Rankin's Hidden Edinburgh

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dress To Impress **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Salt Lake City **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Orange County **9.20** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.15** Charmed **12.15** Deal Or No Deal **1.15** Supermarket Sweep **2.15** The Floor USA **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Salt Lake City **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Orange County **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** The Floor USA **8.00** The 1% Club **9.00** Romesh Ranganathan's Parents' Evening **10.00** Changing Ends **10.35** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30-2.25am** Deal Or No Deal

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.10** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** Grantchester **11.50** Trial & Retribution **12.55-2am** Poirot

ITV4 freeview 26

6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Dempsey And Makepeace **9.05** Boon **10.10** The Professionals **11.20** Robin Of Sherwood **12.25** Magnum, PI **2.30** Dempsey And Makepeace **3.30** Boon **4.40** The Professionals **5.45** Minder **6.50** River Monsters **7.50** Sharpe **10.00** The Motorbike Show **11.00** Black Sails **12.05** Hell's Kitchen **1.00-2am** Minder

E4 freeview 13

6am Modern Family **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **11.00** Below Deck: Mediterranean **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Vanderpump Rules **9.00** Cruising Paradise: Above And Below Deck **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** Naked Attraction **12.10** First Dates **1.15-2.10am** Cruising Paradise: Above And Below Deck

MORE4 freeview 18

8.55am Heir Hunters **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** The Reclaimers: Made In Suffolk **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** 999: On The Front Line **1.15-2.20am** 24 Hours In A&E

SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: Canada's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Police 24/7 **9.00** Caught On Dashcam **10.00** Fred West: The Glasgow Girls. Police discover Fred West was known for abusing girls in Glasgow. **11.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **12.00** Fantasy Island **1.00-2am** Police 24/7

AIR TIME . . . Jason and Hannah are back as Ted and Rebecca

TED LASSO
Apple TV

MUCH has been made of the demise of the modern sitcom for one key reason . . . most of them aren't funny.

Writers are stuck on the horns of the political correctness dilemma – they can't do anything "unwoke" and can't rely on old-school scenarios to get laughs.

You just couldn't get away with replicating John Cleese mocking Germans by goosestepping through the restaurant of Fawlty Towers.

Which brings us to Ted Lasso, the comedy show that has deftly managed to hit the tiny sweet spot that avoids all the latter-day pitfalls. But now the fourth series has launched, the big question is has it run out of steam or is it continuing to chug along nicely?

The first instalment doesn't provide a definitive answer. That's because it's obviously a bridging episode to catch up with where we left things in series three and where we are going next.

It finds our infernally upbeat hero, played by the brilliant Jason Sudeikis, back in the US where he's loving being with his son Henry, and seems happy working in a supermarket rather than at AFC Richmond.

But then club boss Rebecca, played by Hannah Waddingham, rocks up with sidekicks Leslie and Keeley in tow for support.

They want Ted back in London to coach the new women's team and, well, that's a huge issue for loving dad Ted.

Now what's interesting about this sitcom, and still evident in the opening episode, is that it won't have you rolling off the

ITV2 9pm Comedy game show Romesh Ranganathan's Parents' Evening

U&DAVE freeview 19

7.25am Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein: From Venice To Istanbul **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Martin Clunes: Islands Of Australia **4.00** Rick Stein: From Venice To Istanbul **6.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40-2am** Would I Lie To You?

U&DRAMA freeview 20

7.20am The Bill **8.15** Doctors **9.25** Classic Holby City **10.45** Casualty **11.45** The Bill **12.50** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Neighbours **3.00** Pie In The Sky **4.05** Lovejoy **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** The Marlow Murder Club **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Luther **12.40** Lovejoy **1.50-2.50am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

REALLY freeview 44

6am Celebrity Fantasy Homes **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters. Double bill. **5.00** Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Bad Skin Clinic **11pm-2am** Help! My House Is Haunted

U&YESTERDAY freeview 27

6.10am Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases **11.00** Auschwitz: The Nazis And The Final Solution **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** Auschwitz: The Nazis And The Final Solution **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** The Green Planet **8.00** Bangers & Cash **9.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Bangers & Cash **12.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

U&W freeview 25

6.15am Property Brothers At Home: Drew's Honeymoon House **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers At Home: Drew's Honeymoon House **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.40** Property Brothers: Under Pressure **9.40** DIY SOS: The Big Build **11.40** First Responders **1.45-3am** The Mormons Are Coming

QUEST freeview 17

6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Car Hunters **1.00** World's Greatest Motorcycle Rides **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Drive It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** Outback Truckers **9.00** Outback Opal Hunters **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

THAT'S TV freeview 56

8am Rising Damp **8.35** Duty Free **9.05** Never The Twain **9.35** On The Buses **10.10** Bread **10.45** Steptoe And Son **11.25** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.05** Rising Damp **12.35** Man About The House **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.40** When The Boat Comes In **2.45** Minder **3.50** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.10** Rising Damp **6.45** Steptoe And Son **7.20** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Shameless **10.55** Man About The House **11.25** Mind Your Language **12.00** Benidorm **12.55-2am** Minder

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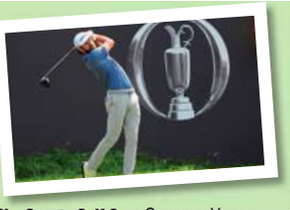

Sky Sports Golf 6pm Cameron Young competes in the Wyndham Championship

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

7am Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** The World Football Show **3.00** LIVE The Hundred. London Spirit Women v MI London Women. Start-time at 3.00. **6.00** LIVE The Hundred. London Spirit Men v MI London Men. Start-time at 6.30. **9.30** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. **10.00** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. **11.00** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. **12.00-4.45am** LIVE NFL. Arizona Cardinals v Carolina Panthers. Kick-off at 1.00.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Greatest Games **7.00** Best PL Goals 2018/19 **8.00** PL 100 Club **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** PL Highlights **1.30** FNF **2.00** PL Highlights **2.30** SNF **3.00** PL Highlights **3.30** SNF **4.00** PL Highlights **7.00** The Transfer Show **8.00** Premier League Stories **8.30** Cult Heroes **9.00** Transfer 360 **10.00** Brazilians In The Premier League **11.00** PL Years **1.00-3am** PL Retro

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL **9.00** SPFL Highlights **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00** EFL Highlights **2.00** The World Football Show **3.00** SPFL Highlights **3.30** EFL Greatest Games **4.00** EFL Cup Retro **6.00** SPFL Highlights **6.30** EFL Highlights **8.30** EFL **9.30** EFL Cup Highlights **10.30** Best Goals: Efl Cup 25/26 **11.00** SPFL Highlights **11.45** Martin O'Neill: Champion Again **12.00-2.45am** Retro League One

SKY SPORTS ACTION

8.45am NFL Highlights **9.00** Betfred Super League **12.00** NFL Highlights **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.00** LIVE Women's Super League. St Helens v Wigan Warriors. Kick-off at 5.15. **7.30** LIVE Betfred Super League. St Helens v Hull FC. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.15** NBA On Fire **10.45** Women's Super League **11.00** Super Bowl LX Highlights **12.00-4.45am** LIVE NFL. Arizona Cardinals v Carolina Panthers. Kick-off at 1.00.

SKY SPORTS +

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **8.00** Betfred Super League **10.45** My Icon: Ebony Rainford-Brent **11.00** Sky Sports FC **11.30** My Icon: Henni Goya **11.45** LIVE PGA Tour Golf. The Wyndham Championship. **5.00** LIVE Women's Super League. St Helens v Wigan Warriors. Kick-off at 5.15. **7.30** LIVE Betfred Super League. St Helens v Hull FC. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.15** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. **11pm-4am** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6am The Hundred **9.15** The Hundred Bitesize **9.45** The Hundred Bitesize **10.00** The Hundred **1.30** The Hundred Bitesize **2.00** The Hundred Bitesize **2.30** The Hundred Bitesize **2.45** LIVE The Hundred. London Spirit Women v MI London Women. Start-time at 3.00. **6.00** LIVE The Hundred. London Spirit Men v MI London Men. Start-time at 6.30. **9.30** The Hundred Bitesize **9.45** The Hundred Bitesize **10.00** The Hundred **1.30** The Hundred Bitesize **1.45-2am** The Hundred Bitesize

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am PGA Tour: The Cut **6.30** Legends Tour Golf **7.30** PGA Tour Golf **8.30** PGA Tour Champions **9.30** PGA Tour Champions Learning Centre **10.00** PGA Tour: The Cut **10.30** My Icon: Catriona Matthew **10.45** Women's Golf **11.45** LIVE PGA Tour Golf. The Wyndham Championship. Coverage of the featured groups on day one of the tournament from Sedgefield Country Club. **2.00** LIVE Ladies European Tour Golf. The PIF London Championship. **6.00** LIVE PGA Tour Golf. The Wyndham Championship. **8.00** LIVE PGA Tour Golf. The Wyndham Championship. **11.00** Women's Golf **12.00-3am** How The 1997 Ryder Cup Was Won

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Witness 9pm Nikki's cover is blown when she travels to Hong Kong in CIA

SKY ONE

6am Mornings **7.00** Mornings With Ridge And Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **10.00** Will & Grace **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Moon: Nature's Secret Force **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Animal Control **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Rob & Romesh Vs Darts. The boys play a match at Alexandra Palace during the world championship. **9.00** The Dyers' Caravan Park. A football pitch is installed at the park. **10.00** The Paper. Two episodes. Spin-off from US comedy The Office, starring Domhnall Gleeson. **11.10** Animal Control **12.10** Grimm **1.10-2.05am** The Force: Manchester

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Fish Town **8.00** Billions **10.20** Heated Rivalry **12.30** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.30** Billions **4.40** Heated Rivalry **6.50** The Penguin **9.00** Possession. Supernatural thriller starring Gugu Mbatha-Raw. **10.00** Possession. A lawyer travels to Jamaica to challenge an inheritance claim made by a local man against a wealthy white aristocrat. **11.00** The Five-Star Weekend **12.45** All Her Fault **1.45-3am** True Detective: Night Country

SKY WITNESS

6am Bondi Rescue **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Send In The Dogs **9.00** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize **11.00** Bull **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** CIA. Nikki's cover is blown when she travels to Hong Kong. **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A car with a young girl in the back seat is stolen. **11.00** The Rookie **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.05am Don't Wait Up **7.45** Going Straight **8.20** Only Fools And Horses **9.00** The Green Green Grass **9.40** Are You Being Served? **10.20** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.40** Going Straight **12.20** Only Fools And Horses **1.00** Keeping Up Appearances **1.35** Dad's Army **2.20** The Green Green Grass **3.00** Are You Being Served? **3.40** Going Straight **4.20** Dad's Army **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Porridge. Fletcher yearns for peace and quiet. **7.40** Dad's Army: The Lost Episodes. The platoon suspects that someone has been signalling to enemy aircraft. **8.20** Are You Being Served? The staff prepares for a royal visitor. **9.00** Porridge. Tension mounts as the parole board gathers. **9.40** Joe & David's Magical Sitcom Tour. David Earl orchestrates a personal tour of Porridge. **10.40** Porridge. The inmates hunt for a thief. **11.20** The Green Green Grass **12.00** Porridge **1.20-2am** Don't Wait Up

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am Michael McIntyre's Big Show **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** The Upper Hand **1.05** Impractical Jokers: Filming With The Stars **1.35** Friends **9.00 FILM** Private Benjamin. Comedy starring Goldie Hawn and Armand Assante. (1980) **11.10** Stupid Central **12.10** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **1.10-2.10am** Iain Stirling's Roast The Internet

U&ALIBI

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Death In Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body Of Proof. Crime drama series. **7.00** Private Eyes. Angie and Shade are hired to find a missing soldier. **8.00** Bookish. Part two of two. Bliss and Book's investigation into Harkup's death continues. **9.15** The Hunting Party. The team hunts Adrian Gallo, a serial killer who preserved his victims in acrylic resin. **10.15** Death In Paradise. The team joins Naomi in Saint Barnabas when her best friend's father is murdered. **11.15** Private Eyes **12.15** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.15-2.10am** Death In Paradise

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** Upright **11.10** Will & Grace **12.10** Avenue 5 **1.50** Upright **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** Hacks **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** The Reluctant Landlord **9.00** Ricky Gervais: Fame. Highlights of the comedian's stand-up show. **10.30** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver. A satirical look at news and pop culture. **11.15** Hacks **12.15** Hitmen **1.15-2.15am** Community

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** The Pool Master **9.00** Gold Rush **12.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Ant Anstead Master Mechanic **8.00** Supercar Showroom. Life inside a Yorkshire-based supercar salesroom. **9.00** Alien Sharks: Untamed America. Wildlife biologist Forrest Galante explores America's strangest alien sharks. **10.00** Sharkzilla Takes New York. A scientist hunts for a possible radioactive shark killer. **11.00** The Alaska Triangle **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-2am** Alien Sharks: Untamed America

RADIO

Virgin Radio 6.30am Steve Denyer sits in for Chris Evans on the Breakfast Show

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

6.30am Steve Denyer On The Chris Evans Breakfast Show With Moneybox **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Geoff Lloyd **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00-6.30am** Stu Elmore

TALKRADIO DAB talkradio.co.uk

6am Ian Collins **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Mark Dolan **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10.00** Andre Walker Ft. Ash **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Through The Papers

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am Shebahn Aherne **10.00** Adam Catterall & Carlton Cole **1.00** Hawksbee And Baker **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive **7.00** The Transfer Insiders

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sofa clutching your sides. But you will have a smile on your face for pretty much the entire time you're watching, with the odd chuckle and an occasional guffaw.

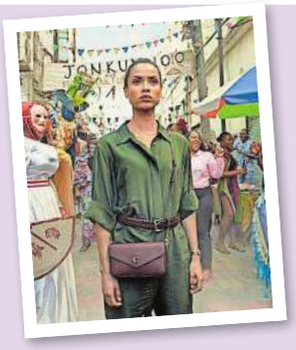
The real ace card, however, is the characters, combined with the fact that this show is always clever without being smug.

Look no further than the opening scene where our hero shrewdly shames a shoplifting colleague.

Does Ted Lasso represent a revival of the best of sitcoms? No, because, in many ways, it's probably a little bit better than the old classics.

Heresy, I know.

ROD McPHEE



WILL POWER . . . Claudia

POSSESSION, Sky Atlantic, 9pm: If you love psychological horror films like Get Out, this supernatural thriller exploring colonialism should be at the top of your watch list.

The five-part drama opens as lawyer Claudia McKenzie (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) travels to Jamaica with her wealthy client, Oliver Connaught (Jonny Lee Miller).

Oliver's late father randomly left his £50million fortune to local resident Cudjoe East (Sheldon Shepherd), and Claudia must try to get the will overturned.

But upon arriving at the contested Hope Hill plantation, she realises the property is the setting for the nightmares that have been plaguing her.

Sun tv picks

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?, BBC One, 9pm: Olympic superstar Katarina Johnson-Thompson is the final famous face to embark on a voyage of discovery of her family heritage.

She grew up in Liverpool with her mum Tracey, while her dad Ricardo lived in the Bahamas until his death in 2017.

Desperate to learn more about her paternal roots, Katarina uncovers stories of her great-grandmother Clara, who supported the 1960s Civil Rights Movement, and her two-times great-grandfather Matthew, who bravely fought against racial segregation.

FAKE OR FORTUNE?, BBC One, 8pm: It's a case of Freud or Fraud as Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould meet brothers Mike and Anthony, who have inherited 15 mysterious etchings found stashed in their garage by the side of an old washing machine.

The prints closely resemble Girl With A Fig Leaf – a famous early work by artist Lucian Freud.

However, because the artworks are unsigned, there are serious questions about their authenticity. Did the iconic artist create them, or are they copies?

BENIDORM IS MURDER, Channel 5, 9pm: Alistair McGowan guest stars as a washed-up gameshow host who is found dead on the roof of a comedy club after visiting a pal.

Club owner Maria asks ex-detective Dennis and his employee Rosa to assist with the investigation – and the pair quickly uncover serious financial troubles, health woes and deep-seated grudges.

Are any of the colourful characters connected to the venue actually capable of cold-blooded murder, though?

GEMMA QUADE

TNT SPORTS 1

6.30am SailGP – Racing on the Edge **7.00** Cycling **8.00** Cycling **9.00** Test Cricket Highlights **10.00** TNT Sports Reload **10.15** LIVE AFL. Western Bulldogs v North Melbourne Kangaroos. Bounce-up at 10.30. Coverage of the match from Marvel Stadium in Melbourne. **1.30** Cycling **2.30** LIVE Cycling: Tour de France Women. Coverage from the sixth stage of the Grand Tour race. **5.45** TNT Sports Reload **6.00** MLB Highlights **7.00** LIVE MLB. Milwaukee Brewers v Pittsburgh Pirates. Start-time at 7.10. Coverage of the National League match from American Family Field. **10.00** Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Seattle Seahawks **11.00** Sign Up – Into Football **12.00** WRC Review **1.00** Premier League Stories **1.30-3am** AFL

TNT SPORTS 2

6am LIV Golf **7.00** MotoGP Classics **8.00** MotoGP Classics **9.00** MotoGP Highlights **11.00** LIVE MotoGP. Coverage of the press conference ahead of the Grand Prix of Great Britain. **11.45** Discovery Golf **12.15** NWSL **1.15** TNT Sports Reload **1.30** Test Cricket Highlights **2.30** LIVE Test Cricket. West Indies v Pakistan. Coverage of the fifth and final day of the Second and Final Test in the series from Queen's Park Oval. **11.00** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **11.30** Golden Trail World Series **12.00-2am** World Series of Poker

TNT SPORTS 3

7am WRC: More Than Machine **8.00** Discovery Golf **8.30** eSports Show **9.00** Cycling **9.15** Cycling **10.15** Cycling **11.15** LIVE Cycling: Tour Of Poland-Stage 4. Coverage of the fourth stage of the 2026 Tour of Poland. **3.45** Cycling **4.00** SailGP – Racing on the Edge **4.30** LIV Golf **5.30** LIVE LIV Golf. Coverage of the first day of the 11th round of the season. **11.30** TNT Sports Reload **12.00-3am** UFC

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am FIM Sidecarcross Championship **7.00** Show Jumping **8.00** NASCAR Highlights **9.00** DTM Motorsport Highlights **10.00** Coppa Italia **12.00** Challenge Cup **1.55** Swedish Speedway **3.25** Show Jumping **4.25** Premier Sports Cup **6.55** LIVE UEFA Conference League. Ajax v Shelbourne. Kick-off at 7.00. **9.00** LaLiga Highlights **9.15** World Of FreeSports **9.45** Sporting Greats **10.00** United Rugby Championship **12.30-2.30am** Challenge Cup

10.00 The Sports Bar **1.00** Extra Time With Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Early Sports Breakfast

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MOVIES

Film4 9pm Tom Hanks is taken hostage in fact-based thriller Captain Phillips

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

10.15am Wicked: For Good (PG, 2025) ★★★ **12.40 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **2.15 Mortal Kombat II** (15, 2026) ★★★ **4.15 Anaconda** (12, 2025) ★★★ **6.00 Heretic** (15, 2024) ★★★★ **8.00 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **9.40 Primate** (18, 2025) ★★★ **11.15 Love Me** (15, 2024) ★★★★ **12.55-2.50am Redux Redux** (15, 2025) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

11.10am Hotel Transylvania (U, 2012) ★★★★ **12.45 Hotel Transylvania 2** (U, 2015) ★★★ **2.20 Hotel Transylvania 3: A Monster Vacation** (U, 2018) ★★★ **4.00 Antz** (PG, 1998) ★★★★★ **5.30 DC League Of Super-Pets** (PG, 2022) ★★★★ **7.20 Dog Man** (U, 2025) ★★★★ **8.55 The Angry Birds Movie** (U, 2016) ★★★★ **10.35 The Angry Birds Movie 2** (U, 2019) ★★★★ **12.15-2am Smurfs: The Lost Village** (U, 2017) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

11.25am Bad Boys (15, 1995) ★★★★ **1.25 Bad Boys II** (15, 2003) ★★★★ **3.55 Spider-Man 3** (12, 2007) ★★★★ **6.20 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **8.00 The Amazing Spider-Man** (12, 2012) With Andrew Garfield. ★★★ **10.20 The Amazing Spider-Man 2** (12, 2014) ★★★★ **12.45-2.45am 300** (15, 2006) ★★★★

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11am Miracle On 34th Street (U, 1994) ★★★★ **1.15 The Black Swan** (PG, 1942) ★★★★ **3.00 Sign Of The Pagan** (U, 1954) ★★★ **4.50 All That Heaven Allows** (U, 1955) ★★★★ **6.40 The Electrical Life Of Louis Wain: Interview Special 6.45 The Electrical Life Of Louis Wain** (12, 2021) ★★★★ **9.00 Captain Phillips** (12, 2013) ★★★★ **11.40 Dance With A Stranger** (15, 1985) ★★★★ **1.45-4am Our Kind Of Traitor** (15, 2016) ★★★

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Fab DAILY

I WAS BRANDED FAT AT 11 DUE TO THE BMI LIE

A childhood BMI score shattered writer **HAYLEY MINN**'s confidence. Now, after questioning the science behind it, Hayley asks why the NHS is still using a measurement experts say is outmoded and misleading . . .

TEEN YEARS . . . Hayley at 13, when she lacked confidence due to her weight

GROWING up in the early Noughties, I was desperate to look like waif model Kate Moss and envied the endlessly long legs of Girls Aloud's Nadine Coyle.

But my dream – and confidence – was shattered during a school PE lesson.

We were weighed and measured before being given our body mass index (BMI).

At 5ft and 8st 7lb, my BMI calculation – based on height and weight – came to 23.2, putting me in the "overweight" category for my age and gender.

So science was telling me – at the tender age of 11 – that I was fat. And that label followed me throughout my teens.

And it's one many children today will face, after thousands of parents were recently sent letters revealing their Year 6 child's BMI. The ten and 11-year-olds will have been weighed as part of the National Child Measurement Programme, introduced in 2006.

Before that existed, my school weighed us as part of routine health checks. I felt like a big lump compared to the tall, slim girls in my dance class.

It didn't help that when Beyonce was on TV, my parents would remark on her "big thighs". If they thought her thighs were big, what must they think of my tree trunks?

'Ugly friend for ever'

Yet no matter how many fad diets I tried, I never lost enough weight to reach the "normal" BMI range.

I stopped growing around age 12 and, at 5ft 2in, every pound felt significant.

When I was 15, my GP handed out free Slimming World memberships to anyone with an "overweight" BMI.

So my mum took me along to our local weight-loss group.

I shed half a stone over a few months, but found it hard to maintain once I stopped going to the weekly sessions.

Looking back at photos, I don't believe I actually was fat. It makes me feel so sad for that little girl, who was repeatedly told she was overweight.

I had just developed earlier than many of my classmates, with larger breasts and thighs on my otherwise small frame.

While children's BMI is adjusted for age and sex, experts agree it still cannot account for the huge differences in the timing of puberty.

Dr Clare Thompson, GP, of London's Cadogan Clinic, says: "It should not be used in children, because during puberty their bodies undergo non-linear growth spurts, which would make BMI measurements wildly inaccurate."

At the time, I remember feeling disgusting. I wondered if any boy would ever fancy me, or if I was going to be the "ugly friend" for ever.

In reality, I think this lack of self-esteem was the real reason boys didn't want to date me.

When I went clothes shopping, I never thought I looked as good as my friends, though I was a size 12 at my biggest.

Eating bread, chocolate or crisps brought an immediate rush of shame. I could easily

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'IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE I WAS HEALTHY'

From previoust page

get through a pack of custard creams, or a family-size bar of Dairy Milk Oreo in one sitting.

Two decades on, that food guilt still hasn't disappeared.

Now I exercise four or five times a week, including regular weight training. I'm stronger and more toned than I was as a teenager, yet because my weight has generally remained above 10st – placing me in the BMI "overweight" category – part of me has never believed I am healthy.

While I've been with my husband for almost eight years, I was single for most of my twenties. I always felt much fatter and uglier than my friends.

It took years of therapy and learning to love myself before I met my husband.

Worryingly, when I recently entered my height and current weight of 10st 12lb into some online pharmacies' eligibility checks for weight-loss medication, I was told I qualify for the likes of Ozempic and Mounjaro.

And even if I silently remind myself that muscle weighs more than fat, a cruel voice whispers: "Perhaps you're making excuses. Perhaps you really **ARE** fat and unhealthy."

I decided to get a detailed body-composition analysis from preventative healthcare company Randox Health as part of its Everywoman Basic package.

During the £269 full-body test at its central London clinic, I had my height and waist measured by a doctor before stepping on the scales.

Incomplete picture

These scales send a painless electric current through the body to calculate muscle mass and body fat.

Randox recorded my muscle mass at 49.4kg, above the average range of 34.7kg-43.9kg for a woman of my age.

Having a high muscle mass is beneficial for health, supporting metabolism, strength and mobility, according to the NHS.

Meanwhile, my body fat percentage was 24.7, towards the lower end of the recommended range of 21 to 33 per cent.

Most strikingly, my visceral fat rating – fat stored around internal organs and linked to heart disease and type 2 diabetes – was just three, earning an "excellent" classification.

For the first time in my life, I had clear evidence that I am in fact much healthier than my BMI of 27.5 would suggest.

Recent research at the University of Verona compared BMI results with high-tech scans that analyse fat, muscle and bone.

Of the 1,351 patients studied, 53 per cent of those labelled overweight were in the wrong category, with three quarters actually within the normal range.

The term body mass index was first popularised in the US in the 1970s, but many practitioners now believe it is flawed.

Dr Thompson says: "The model is clearly outdated and is inaccurate for women, who carry a higher percentage of body fat than men." But if BMI can give such an incomplete picture, why does the NHS still use it?

POOL DIP . . . Hayley as a teenager

Dr Thompson says it is "backed by population-level research, linking a higher BMI with an increased risk of type 2 diabetes, some cancers, heart disease and stroke".

But the European Association for the Study of Obesity has called for a "more nuanced" approach.

There is also a risk of BMI results giving an overly positive impression of someone's health.

Dr David Huang, director of clinical innovation at weight-management provider Voy, explains: "The biggest failing of BMI is false reassurance to people with a 'normal' BMI, who actually have harmful levels of visceral fat."

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence recommends considering waist-to-height ratio, as this can help identify potentially harmful fat around the middle. Other factors, including ethnicity and family history, can also provide a more rounded picture of a person's health.

When I recently discovered kids as young as 11 are still being told their BMI, it made me so angry.

There's so much shame around it and it can follow you for the rest of your life.

But I now know my BMI is just one piece of the puzzle and not a diagnosis or a verdict.

I only wish somebody had explained this to the 11-year-old girl nervously standing on the scales in her PE kit.

STRONG . . . in gym gear

By LAURA STOTT

STARING into the mirror, my face free of make-up, it's hard not to wince at my dull, dry reflection.

At 47, any natural radiance my skin once had is long gone – and a friend's comment recently stopped me in my tracks.

We'd met in a pub garden, but when she mentioned over a glass of wine that I looked tired, it hit a nerve. It wasn't the first time I'd heard it from a friend and, no matter how well intentioned, it really made me feel my age.

Previously, I've been told that I'm lucky to have such nice skin, so I can't pretend it didn't bother me. It's yet another reminder that the years are showing on my skin.

Despite slathering on moisturiser, eating a healthy diet and drinking two litres of water daily, there's no escaping the fact that, in my fifth decade, my face has lost its lustre.

My cheeks are dehydrated and flaky, while a multitude of fine lines criss-cross my forehead and crinkle around my eyes.

I wear SPF daily, but a brown age spot has still emerged on my cheek, along with a cluster of unsightly open pores on my chin.

It's all a far cry from the current beauty phenomenon for so-called "glass skin".

This complexion craze involves skin that appears so clear, hydrated and luminous, it resembles a light-reflecting, translucent glass pane.

First originating in South Korea in 2018, the hashtag #glassskin has since clocked up over three billion views on TikTok.

Celebs including Hailey Bieber, Kim Kardashian and actress Keeley Hawes are all fans of facials generating its trademark skin glow.

Naturally dewy

I've also long coveted this glowing K-beauty look but, right now, my skin looks more shattered glass than crystal clear.

It's a stark contrast to my twenties and thirties, when my skin was still naturally dewy and hydrated, and just a slather of budget night cream was enough.

Since turning 40, even pricey moisturisers don't seem to cut it.

Over the last seven years, lines and wrinkles have noticeably crept in and no potion seems to quench my skin's thirst.

Even expensive cosmetics promising to make my face shimmer simply sink into my furrows.

I splashed out on an expensive K-beauty cream called Tatcha (50ml, £69) that promised to encourage a cushion-like plump complexion, but I didn't notice any difference to my dewiness at all.

So, when I saw info online about a new high-tech cosmetic treatment promising a glass skin glow-up in just five minutes, I couldn't wait to give it a go.

The £249 procedure at London's Omniere clinic (omniere.com) is certainly cutting-edge.

A cocktail of active ingredients designed to boost natural glow will be distributed under my skin's surface using tiny micro-injections – a non-surgical cosmetic technique known as mesotherapy.

Except the needles won't be administered by hand. Instead, I'm going to be injected by robot.

A machine called the Dermashine Pro will be used to dispense over 1,000 micro-needle shots into my face in just a few minutes.

Although new to the UK, the device is already used in thousands of clinics in South Korea, where it was engineered.

It's also 80 per cent faster than traditional manual methods, whittling the time it takes to treat a full face down to just five minutes. Could this new technology finally get my haggard face glowing?

At the clinic, Omniere founder and aesthetic physician Dr Vincent Wong shows me the contraption, which bears an uncanny resemblance to a handheld food blender.

Fortunately for my face, it's far more advanced than that.

Dr Wong explains: "It allows me to administer hundreds of tiny microdroplets of active ingredients with pinpoint precision at a controlled, consistent depth. That's very difficult to achieve with manual injections."

This makes it ideal for creating the flawless complexion synonymous with K-beauty.

And, because it's so speedy, the "robodoc" should make the experience more comfortable.

Dr Wong explains that treatments are always tailored to personal complexion needs and, for those aged 40-plus like me, he focuses on restoring hydration, stimulating collagen, improving skin elasticity and softening fine lines to achieve a fresher face.

"Glass skin is really healthy skin that reflects light evenly because it is functioning optimally," he says.

"Most ingredients in topical creams can't penetrate deeply enough into the dermis, where your glow-getters like collagen, elastin and hyaluronic acid are produced. But injectable treatments can place regenerative ingredients directly into the skin.

"Here, they stimulate repair, improve hydration and support collagen production so skin can naturally generate its own glow."

For my skin, Dr Wong settles on injecting an active ingredient called Meso-Wharton P199. This solution contains biomimetic peptides, hyaluronic acid, amino acids and vitamins – all scientifically proven to stimulate skin regeneration. Hopefully, they'll restore

PATCH WORK . . . Laura's age spot

GLOW GETTER . . . Dr Wong uses the Dermashine Pro on Laura

5-MIN ROBOT FACIAL THAT GAVE ME SKIN LIKE GLASS

After

RADIANT . . . Laura's fresher skin

'My forehead looks smoother, the creases around my eyes are less pronounced and the brown spot has faded'

Pictures by: CATHERINE HACK

hydration to my thirsty face and boost my collagen levels, which are said to decline by around one per cent per year from the age of 40.

As numbing cream is slathered on, I'm told I'll be getting 120 shots of the active ingredient. At nine injections per dose, I'm about to receive a face-full of 1,080 micro-jabs.

Dr Wong guides the device to the correct areas, but it will inject me automatically.

As the first needles break into the skin, I'm braced for pain. But to my surprise, there's none. I'm injected at a depth of 0.6mm around my forehead, eyes and my mouth, with a deeper needle of 1.2mm used on my cheeks.

I can hear a stapling sound and detect a slight suction sensation, but I can barely feel anything.

Instead, the rhythmic mechanical pulsation is so soothing that I almost drift off. After five minutes, it's over. There is no blood, but it's a shock to sit up and see my bright-red face covered in tiny needle dots and vacuum pressure lines.

PAINLESS . . . during treatment and, *right*, red marks immediately after

I do slightly resemble a human pincushion and my cheeks feel warm, but Dr Wong assures me the marks will wear off fast.

Just an hour later, the rosy colouring has already eased significantly. I don't notice any soreness or sensitivity as the numbing cream wears off, either.

After over a thousand injections in my face, I am expecting some funny looks on the train home, but none are forthcoming.

While I feel self-conscious, there's nothing that draws any stares. My face has looked far more flushed than this after a sweaty gym session, and other than a slightly warm sensation on my cheeks, it looks and feels completely normal.

No hot showers, exercise or strong topicals are permitted for 48 hours, then I can return to my usual routine.

The following morning, my skin has settled fully with no marks or swelling at all. And to my amazement, it already looks better than usual on waking.

Dr Wong predicted the earliest changes I'd see would be improved hydration and radiance. Already, my skin looks bouncier and less crumpled and, that weekend over a glass of wine in the garden, a friend comments, unprompted, on my glow.

The changes happen gradually and, over the next month, more benefits keep emerging.

My forehead looks smoother and the creases around my eyes are less pronounced. The brown pigmentation on my cheek also seems to have faded.

I don't look different – just better. When I send a friend some photos of me following a day out, the first thing she replies is how young I look and that my skin looks amazing, and even my younger brother tells me that I look well. And there are tangible, real-world results.

Make-up now glides perfectly over my newly-smoothed skin and it stays put all day, too.

My previous bad habit of examining the open pores on my chin in a magnifying mirror is also no more as, to my amazement, they've vanished completely.

It's like I've used a photo filter on my skin, only in real life.

These improvements should typically last around two to three months – with further maintenance treatments costing the same then recommended around every four to six months.

Spread over the three months, that works out at around £2.70 a day for a glowing, needle-fresh face.

There's no need to reflect on whether I'll be back for a top-up. When it comes to glass skin, for me the results really are crystal clear.

FUEL prices are getting silly again with petrol at 161p a litre and diesel topping 180p. Shop around. Asda Rewards has 5p off a litre until tomorrow. Tesco has 5% off fuel when you spend £60 in-store until August 16.

RADIO 1 breakfast DJ Greg James has bought a new motor – a T-reg (1999) Renault Scenic. He told his 1.3 million Instagram followers: "Only people with great taste will understand why this is an all-time classic."

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Sun motors

REBORN A2 IS ALL THE RANGE

AUDI has reinvented the A2 as a smart and efficient electric hatch.

So smart, some people will probably want the camouflaged wrap on this prototype.

So efficient, even the word "Bridgestone" is printed flat on the tyres to cut air turbulence.

Engineers found an extra 20-25 miles of range by using all sorts of aero tricks including active air intakes and underbody spoilers in front of the front wheels.

I eased off the accelerator at 45-50mph expecting the car to slow and it just kept going and going – giving me free miles, essentially.

That's impressive.

As is the damping and ride quality. The multi-link rear axle helps. As is the feeling of space in a whisper-quiet cabin. Pure Audi.

You can't see the dash in our pictures because that's being kept secret until the big unveil next month.

But you can imagine twin display screens from the A5, control stalks from the Q3, twin magnetic phone chargers and a useful centre console for big slurpies and storing your bits and bobs.

There's even a plug socket in the boot for inflating air beds and things.

Posh and practical.

Now you may remember that the original A2 from the late Nineties/early Noughties was a real trailblazer at a bantamweight 825kg (aluminium space-frame) and nudged 90mpg. This new one is double that weight. EVs aren't light.

But it still goes a long way on a full charge thanks to its slippery shape and a super-efficient rear-drive system.

This test car has a 310-mile battery. But you could upgrade to a bigger 400-mile one. Or save a few quid and go a bit smaller.

Whichever you choose, all three are lithium ion phosphate (LFP) so they're kinder to the planet – no cobalt, no nickel – and can be charged repeatedly to 100 per cent.

Audi CEO Gernot Dollner is clearly delighted with the end result.

He told me: "This car carries a strong name.

"The original was innovative and highly efficient and we have brought these genes to the A2 e-tron.

"It's really impressive what the engineers have achieved. The team has overdelivered on the targets we set them."

I'm happy to see the return of that wedge-shaped rear end.

Key facts:
AUDI A2 E-TRON
Price: **£34,000**
Battery: **58kWh**
Power: **190hp**
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Top speed: **99mph**
Range: **310 miles**
Charging: **26 mins**
CO_2: **0g/km**
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Q&A

HERE are six quickfire questions to Audi CEO Gernot Dollner . . .

Let's start with the small cars – two out, one in?

Yes. We decided to end production of the A1 and Q2. From now on, A2 e-tron and the A3 are the entry to the brand.

A2 e-tron quattro?

Unfortunately not.

Interesting that the R8 successor is called Nuvolari. Will other Audis be getting names?

It could be possible. We haven't decided yet. We have a strong naming strategy with our A models and the Q models but I think special cars could also have names in the future.

Could we see Audi F1 colours on road cars?

Nuvolari will have an F1 package and we showed an RS5 with an F1-related colour code. We haven't decided yet. But I think in future you will see something in that direction.

Is the new Q9 Audi's answer to Range Rover?

There are competitors. You mentioned one. There are Germans in that segment too. It's the first time we are inventing something like this and we are very optimistic.

Are you keeping Harry Kane? (Audi owns a stake in Bayern Munich.)

He's a perfect match for FC Bayern. He's so professional. How he prepares. How he acts with the team. Outstanding.

PM BURNHAM

THE new Prime Minister popped up on socials the other day banging on about "growth in every postcode" and "hope in every heart".

Well, MrAndyBurnham.com, you can start by fixing Britain's crumbling roads.

Because it's like a rubbish game of Mario Kart out here trying to dodge hungry potholes.

The RAC estimates six potholes per mile on council-controlled roads in England and Wales.

Easily higher.

Three in four drivers have suffered pothole damage and the average repair bill is £590.

Many others have lost control of their motor either avoiding a pothole or skidding on debris from one.

Public dissatisfaction with our roads is now higher than with any other local government service.

When Mr Burnham returns from his holidays (he only started his new job two weeks ago) he needs to come up with a solid action plan to appease 42 million frustrated drivers.

LOTTERY . . . Greg

Not so long ago, the Government earmarked £7.3billion to upgrade local roads over the next four years. The real cost is closer to £18.6billion, says the Asphalt Industry Alliance.

Some fed-up motorists would even pay more council tax or VED if it funded road improvements, according to a Citroen poll.

But there are other easy wins such as using AI tools to inspect roads, hitting utility firms with tougher penalties for botched repairs, and using volunteers for inspections.

Citroen consulted experts to come up with a six-point "Better Roads" plan – printed below.

Citroen boss Greg Taylor said: "I don't think we can carry on as we are, watching what I can only describe as a managed decline of the roads.

"You'd think there would be a carefully considered action plan to tackle such a serious problem.

"But our Freedom of Information request to Britain's 154 local highways authorities exposed a haphazard approach to repairing and maintaining our roads.

"The result is a huge disparity between councils in how long each takes between potholes being reported and inspected, then repairs agreed upon and carried out.

"It is essentially a postcode lottery on how well your roads are maintained."

Surrey County Council admitted it took 80 days for a pothole report to be inspected.

The time gap between agreeing a repair in Stoke-on-Trent and fixing it was **357 DAYS**.

Only half of councils use geolocation to identify exactly which hole they're supposed to be fixing. Kingston upon Thames has no driven inspections at all.

'Rapid decay'

Some councils say a pothole is only a pothole if it's 80mm deep. Others say 40mm. There's no official guidance.

Other data estimates one in six local roads have less than five years' life left in them and more than half of potholes in a town are caused by failed repairs after being dug up by utility firms for pipes or cables.

Highways engineer Dave Gaster painted a bleak picture, saying: "Due to long-term under-investment, poor law changes and incomprehensible working practices, our once-great highways are now catastrophic.

"In many parts of the country they're exceeding the tipping point towards rapid decay."

David Giles, chair of the AIA, said: "Local authorities told us that if, hypothetically, their backlog of repairs was cleared, the amount they would need to maintain their roads to a steady state each year would be £1billion less a year going forward."

We haven't even discussed heavier cars – particularly EVs – or flash flooding caused by blocked drains.

Over to you, Mr Burnham.

Fix our roads.

'BETTER ROADS' PLAN

CITROEN has come up with six common-sense solutions to help fight the pothole plague . . .

- **Use AI to assess road surfaces, capture data and speed up repairs**
- **Tighter controls on utility companies digging up roads**
- **Guaranteed five-year plan for road funding**
- **Create a national standard defining the size of a pothole**
- **Use volunteers to speed up inspections**
- **More road-sweeping to remove surface debris**

All this from a car firm famed for its pillow-soft suspension and squishy seats. Thank you, Citroen.

Edited by ROB GILL

PRICE CUT: Dacia has reduced Duster Hybrid by £1,750 to £23,345. Good family motor. Worth a look. The bigger Bigster Hybrid costs £1,475 less at £26,715, almost £4k cheaper than a Nissan Qashqai.

THERE'S some corking little motors on the horizon including the 281hp Vauxhall Corsa GSE, *right*, at £32,995. Price includes electric car grant. Road test incoming.

MUST FIX OUR CRUMBLING ROADS

357 days to fix hole in Stoke

£590 average repair bill for drivers

0 road inspections in some areas

£1.8bn spent every year repairing pothole damage to cars

6 potholes per mile

75% of drivers have suffered pothole damage

25% have lost control avoiding potholes or skidding on debris

£31m compensation claims

It's like rubbish game of Mario Kart dodging potholes

£7.3bn promised to upgrade local roads over 4yrs

Real cost **£18.6bn** (According to AIA)

56% would pay more Council Tax if spent on roads

St Helens Borough Council will put cameras on bin lorries to monitor the state of its roads

Excellent idea

Graphic: Mike Russell

dear deidre

Edited by SALLY LAND

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Brad looks but love life is Pitts

Dear Deidre

AN AI app told me I was almost as handsome as Brad Pitt, so why can't I get a woman?

I've got a great gym body, a square jaw, straight teeth, all my own hair, and I'm well-endowed.

Yet the only women I have slept with in the past few years have been escorts.

Although I'm now 36, I've never been on a proper date or had a romantic relationship in my life.

I just can't work out what I'm doing wrong.

I'm tall, look after myself, dress well and make an effort to be polite and respectful. My friends tell me I'm a good bloke.

Although I believe I have a lot to offer, whenever I approach a woman, I get rejected or ignored.

Last week, I downloaded an AI attractiveness rating app, hoping it might help. It rated me eight out of ten. George Clooney is only a nine!

Yet, every day, I see men who would only score a three or four with gorgeous women on their arms, and that makes me feel angry and resentful. After years of disappointment and loneliness, I resorted to using escorts just so I can have physical intimacy.

It's not what I want but it's better than nothing. The other evening, I asked one of them if I was handsome and she said I was.

I'm worried seeing escorts is going to make it even harder to find a woman to settle down with.

But without them, I'd be even more isolated and frustrated.

What am I doing wrong? I don't want to get to 40 and still be single, especially as at that age, my looks will start fading.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: You're focusing far too much on your appearance. Physical features are only part of what makes someone attractive to other people.

Confidence, kindness and sharing conversation are far more important when it comes to finding a mate.

You sound like you don't have very high self-esteem, which women will sense. Please read my support pack, Raising Self-esteem, for tips on how to build your confidence.

When it comes to dating, think about your interests and look for a woman who shares them.

Join clubs and activities where you'll meet like-minded people and make friends – the best basis for a romance.

Stop seeing the escorts and start focusing on making friends with women, that's how a relationship will develop.

Also please read my support pack, Finding The Right Partner For You.

dear deidre

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LIVE Chat

BODGED-JOB PLUMBER IS TOO BUSY TO FIX HIS ERROR

Dear Deidre

I HAVE been left high and dry by a plumber. I paid him good money to install a new shower and fix a leak. But he did a botched job and now he won't come back to correct it.

I'm a 47-year-old single man, living alone in a small house.

Within days of the plumber's visit, water was dripping through my kitchen ceiling. The sealant looked like it had been slapped on with a shovel.

I've phoned him countless times and sent email after email, begging him to come back and put things right.

Every time I get the same excuse – he says he doesn't have time because he's too busy with other jobs.

I even contacted Checkatrade, only to be told he isn't one of its members.

What should I do? I can't afford to pay another plumber to mend the job.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Sadly, you've been the victim of a rogue trader.

The good news is you have options. Write a formal "letter before action", giving the plumber 14 days to repair the work or reimburse your costs.

If he still refuses, you can take action through the small claims court, which is designed for disputes like this. It will take a while, but you should get your money back.

Keep copies of your contract, invoices, any emails, photographs and independent quotes for repair work.

Contact Citizens Advice (citizensadvice.org.uk). It may be able to report him to Trading Standards.

SHE WILL NOT VISIT HER DYING FATHER

Dear Deidre

MY husband is dying of terminal cancer in a hospice, yet his daughter and son-in-law don't visit him.

I'm 58 and my husband is 64. His daughter and her husband are in their early thirties. I'm heartbroken by their behaviour.

I've spent weeks sending regular texts updating them on his condition, yet neither of them has bothered to turn up.

The final straw came when he phoned them himself and said, "I'm dying".

His son-in-law's reply? "I didn't know that." I couldn't believe it after all my updates.

It's his daughter's birthday soon but I can't carry on pretending everything is fine.

He doesn't want to see her again and, once he dies, I plan to cut ties. Are we wrong?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Your husband's final weeks should be about feeling loved and comforted, not chasing after relatives.

Sadly, you can't make people behave how they should. But do be aware that it could be that they are frightened or in denial about his death, rather than that they don't care.

If your husband is clear that he now doesn't want to see his daughter or her husband, respect this.

Focus on making his remaining time as calm and meaningful as possible.

Once he's passed, you're under no obligation to maintain contact with his daughter and son-in-law. But you will need support and may find them more helpful and understanding.

My support pack, Coping With Bereavement, should assist when the time comes.

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This week, Alex Jones looks back on two decades of The One Show and looks forward to her dream guests.

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STRUGGLING to sleep can leave you feeling physically drained and emotionally worn out.

Over time, a lack of quality shut-eye can affect your mood, concentration, relationships, and overall health, making everyday life feel much harder than it should.

If you're battling restless nights, my support pack, Sleep Problems, can help.

Dear Deidre

I SUSPECT HUBBY IS SECRETLY GAY

ALL the signs suggest my husband is gay – but he totally denies it. Meanwhile, I'm trapped in a sexless marriage and desperately want a baby.

I'm 33 and my husband is 40. We have been together for 14 years. We used to have a good relationship and a healthy amount of passion.

But over the past few years, things have changed. We barely communicate and are never intimate. In fact, he won't even kiss me properly. A peck on the cheek is all he offers. I feel so rejected and ugly.

What makes it worse is I really want to be a mum. Obviously, that can't happen without sex.

He won't discuss it. I know he watches a lot of porn, mainly involving gay men and transgender women. I have absolutely no issue with anyone's sexuality but I feel like he's hiding a huge part of himself from me.

If he's gay or bisexual, I'd rather he were honest so I knew. But he says he isn't gay, "it's just porn" and I'm being ridiculous. I don't know what to do.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: The content of the porn your husband views suggests he may have gay or bisexual fantasies. But this doesn't necessarily reflect a desire to act out these fantasies in real life. The real problem here is the lack of honesty, communication and intimacy in your marriage.

You deserve a husband who is willing to have tough conversations and work with you towards the future you want. He can't avoid this for ever, especially if you want a baby.

It's time for him to be honest with you so you can create the happy lives you both deserve. My support pack, Standing up For Yourself, should help you raise the issue.

But you may need professional couple's counselling to work on the problems in your marriage. For an appointment, you can contact tavistockrelationships.org.

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BEN STOKES, *pictured,* says there is "a drinking culture" in cricket, but doesn't think the England team have a problem with alcohol.

In fairness to the former captain, cricket would send anyone to drink.

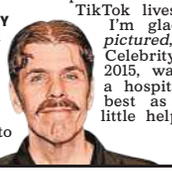
PETE BEAUMONT
Lowestoft, Suffolk

I READ Jeremy Clarkson's recent column suggesting that those of us receiving Personal Independence Payment should write weekly letters of gratitude to taxpayers.

If Mr Clarkson believes gratitude is a one-way street enforced by the State, then I look forward to receiving my own weekly letters of random thanks from citizens for the 14 years I spent protecting their safety, freedoms, and right to work in the first place.

Welfare is a hard-earned safety net, not a charitable handout to be mocked.

CHRISTINE ELIZABETH MERRY
King's Lynn, Norfolk



ED MILIBAND killed this country and jobs with his Net Zero policy when he was Energy Secretary.

This week he jetted to the States for a one-to-one meeting with his US counterpart Marco Rubio.

Let's hope he stays over there, we don't want him back.

DOUG HARDING
Cheshunt, Herts

I AM very concerned for Perez Hilton's mental health after reports of him self-harming on a TikTok livestream on Tuesday.

I'm glad the US blogger, *pictured,* who appeared on Celebrity Big Brother in 2015, was quickly taken to a hospital. I wish him the best as everyone needs a little help sometimes.

MARION E BRIDGES
Scunthorpe, Lincs

Too slow to act on jails

£50 LETTER

DID it ever occur to successive governments that if they did not build more prisons it would surely result in overcrowding?

The prison system is now beyond full, but so be it. After all, are inmates not supposed to be punished as well as rehabilitated?

I don't disagree that some of the old Victorian-built prisons needed to go, but they should have been replaced. Labour's plan to deliver 14,000 new spaces by 2031 is too late.

It is a travesty that two of the killers of PC Andrew Harper may now be released early because of prison overcrowding.

SUZZANNE LAMBERT
Sandhutton, Thirsk

SO we are that short of prison cells our leaders have decided to release killers of police officers and the like.

Yet Dartmoor jail stands empty, having been closed in July 2024.

From what I read, it is cheaper to repair its granite problem rather than build a new prison, so get on with it.

PHIL HALL
Featherstone, West Yorks

IF prisons are so overcrowded why are there still single cells?

Why can't more bunk beds be installed in every cell or would that infringe prisoners' human rights? Some have it too cushy.

CAROLE SPURDON
Hornchurch, Greater London

HOW pathetic that the Tories and Labour are each blaming the other for the fact neither had the gumption to build enough jails.

COLIN MACDONALD
Bottesford, Nottingham

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PRESIDENT of Fifa Gianni Infantino had no right to plan to sell off the World Cup. Why hasn't he been sacked?
MARTIN, Wimborne Minster, Dorset

YOU'D think with all the rain and flooding we get in this country, the Government and water companies would have found ways of storing more of it for when there is a drought.
VIC, Kidderminster, Worcs

STOP wasteful Channel migrant payments, unelected Prime Minister. Just say, "Hello, Accounts, stop all payments to France as from now".
BILL, Hartlepool, CO Durham

FOR releasing people early from jail, Labour should be locked up too – under the law of aiding and abetting known criminals.

IAN McDIARMID
Houghton Le Spring, Tyne and Wear

REFORM UK lead the latest YouGov poll by a point after the so-called Burnham Bounce ended quickly. No wonder our PM has taken a holiday so soon.

PAUL SHEEHAN
Binley, West Mids

I SEE Andy Burnham is following his predeccessor Keir Starmer's lead, by going on holiday when the going gets tough.

JOHN ELLIS
Hull

WITH so many crises to tackle, Andy Burnham should have deferred his holiday.

Many crucial decisions need to be made – on the Channel dinghies, wildfires, early freeing of police killers etc.

Deputy PM Louise Haigh must be working long hours while her boss is on vacation.

JANA COPLEY
Haringey, North London

I WAS really sorry to hear the sad news about the death of Sun columnist Rod Liddle.

I shared his political views and feel it's a pity the Social Democratic Party, which he was a member of, has never taken off.

His Sun column was brilliant, witty and entertaining and I admired his common-sense approach to issues.

MICHAEL PASHLEY
Chesterfield, Derbys

ROD LIDDLE'S column was always the first thing I read in The Sun. He said it like it was. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I will miss his writing greatly. RIP Rod. My condolences to his family and friends.

MARGARET BRISTOW
Aldershot, Hants

SO sad to hear of the death of Rod Liddle. I read his common-sense articles religiously. I will now miss those sane words in an ever insane world!

MICK MAY
Basildon, Essex

WHAT a shock to hear of the untimely death of Rod Liddle. He will be irreplaceable.

I looked forward to reading his column every Monday in The Sun and will miss having a giggle at some of his outrageous comments as well as his views – echoing those of most people – about what is going on in this country.

He was a one-off. RIP Rod.

EILEEN PAINTER
Hainault, London

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

You're in the mood for fun today but keep your money in your pocket and find ways to enjoy yourself that don't cost the earth. Your love life is moving into a new phase. Aim for a relationship that's based on equality. Don't take advice from a bossy person as they don't have your best interests at heart.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

What happens today could be a reminder that you can't solve everyone's problems. Take a step back from a family drama and concentrate on yourself. If you're gearing up to look for a new job, you're in tune with your stars. At work, others will turn to you for relationship advice – it could lead to a role as counsellor or mentor.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Even you may run out of things to say today if you don't know how to help a sibling or relative with an ongoing problem. If you're feeling tired, put your needs first and turn down an invitation or social get-together. That being said, if a romantic date is on the cards this evening, you'd be wise to go.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

You may be out of sorts today if there's a lot of pressure on you financially. Some big expenses could be why you're worried. Trust that things will work out and know that a turning point could come as soon as next week. Playing happy families puts a smile on your face – the real deal not the card game.

LEO July 23 – August 23

You have a big personality which you may need to rein in today if you don't want to rock the boat at work. Yet, don't let that stop you taking centre stage elsewhere and showing off your true self. A call to perform is your cue to say yes – karaoke? open mic night? Single? A compliment you get could open the door to love.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Life's more fun when you share good things with other people. If you've been spending too much time alone, try to find your partner or your team, and the rewards will be worth it. A small cash win can have a big impact if it turns your self-belief from unlucky to lucky. Arrange a date night and split the bill 50-50.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

You're the charmer of the zodiac and, with lovely Venus gracing your star sign from tonight, doubly so. Use your skills as diplomat or mediator, in your personal life or at work. Beware of trying to fit a square peg into a round hole when it comes to money. You may need to rethink your options moving forward.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

You may feel pulled between your head and your heart today. It's rarely easy to pursue your own ambitions if it means not being there for family or your loved ones as much as you would like. Yet, life is calling you to play big and you'd be crazy to miss a golden opportunity. A guardian angel could step in to help.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

If you're bored of your job or life's become routine, your restless nature will kick in. Aim to have something to look forward to, to feed your wanderlust. A holiday or study course would fit the bill. Single? Don't underestimate yourself – approach the best-looking person you meet tonight as Lady Luck is shining down on you.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

It may seem as if you're the one who's constantly stepping in to take care of everyone, especially financially. This can be wearing but, if you're a typical Capricorn, you rarely shirk your responsibilities. Do what you know is right. A lady at work could offer a shoulder to lean on. It could lead to more, if you so desire.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

If you're still living at home or you have a large family, it's unlikely to do wonders for your love life. Finding somewhere quiet to be intimate together is a challenge. This could be the ideal date to start saving for a romantic break. Single? Someone you met on holiday can't stop thinking about you. Why not reach out to them.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

You may be in a situation in life where you're not being encouraged to shine your light brightly. If you're a typical Pisces, you don't always find it easy when life's mundane or routine. Do your best to make the most of your job or current role. A woman who's in love with you could open the door to financial success.

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TRIPLE SunDOKU

EASY

		9				6		
	2		6		5		8	
	6		8	9	3		4	
7			9		6			4
5			1		7			6
2			5		4			3
	8		2	6	1		7	
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TEASER

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TOUGHIE

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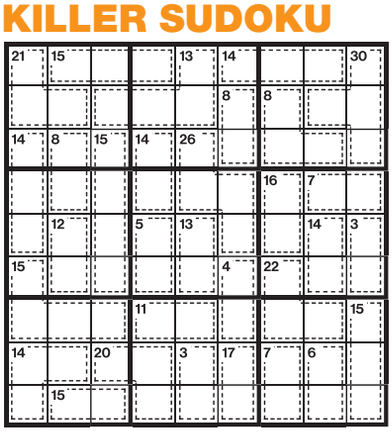
KILLER SUDOKU



The normal rules of sudoku apply. In addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dashes) must add up to the number in the top corner of that shape. No digit can be repeated within an inner shape. Solution on right.

TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

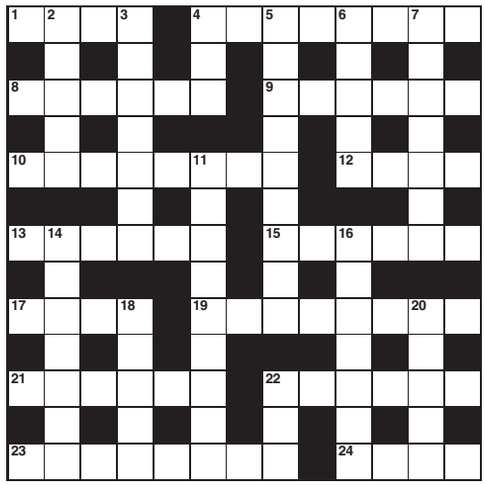
Cryptic

ACROSS

1 Saliva in small hole (4)
4 Mistake from only cis male (8)
8 Girl protecting pitch for international (6)
9 Soprano with accessible drink (6)
10 Outfits are expensive – dummies regularly seen with ultimate in patches (8)
12 Son's abandoned hat? Let it stand (4)
13 Indicates broken piston (6)
15 Initially runs away with bridge player, most immature (6)
17 Blemish from autonomous computer program about Latin (4)
19 It hurts to block excellent thing for colleague (2-6)
21 Criticise a mother's hat? (6)
22 Scowl, as German more depressed (6)
23 Idiot leaps with Victor shot in attacks (8)
24 Flood? One nun leaves for romantic encounter (4)

DOWN

2 Equestrian game receives international complaint (5)
3 One living the high life, perhaps from money split by Greek character (7)
4 Very large colloidal suspension (3)
5 Continue with warts returning – a metaphorical back-breaker (4,5)
6 Some atrocious sarcasm, on reflection, is insensitive (5)
7 End up in elite army unit on sierra, leading to sorrow (7)
11 Ponder about cash I wasted in entertainment venue (5,4)
14 City of Gold inclines (7)
16 Commander-in-chief's promise to protect patrols regularly (7)
18 One entering farewell in head ornament (5)
20 Seventy stripped? Result! (5)
22 Form of matter in incision, briefly (3)



Solutions tomorrow
Get solutions today: Call **0905 757 0150** for Across and **0905 757 0151** for Down before midnight.
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Coffee Time

ACROSS

1 Narrow strip of land running into the sea (4)
4 Violation of good manners (8)
8 Worldwide (6)
9 Mix of beer and lemonade (6)
10 Get-ups (8)
12 Instruction to retain deleted material (4)
13 Units of scoring (6)
15 Least cooked (6)
17 Stain on reputation (4)
19 Fellow employee (2-6)
21 Central American country (6)
22 Look daggers (6)
23 Onslaughts (8)
24 Sweet stoned fruit (4)

DOWN

2 Viral infection now largely eradicated (5)
3 Person from Lhasa? (7)
4 The Sun personified (3)
5 Final blow (4,5)
6 Boorish (5)
7 Desolation (7)
11 Variety entertainment (5,4)
14 Location of a siege in the Hundred Years' War (7)
16 Military leader (7)
18 Headdress worn by a pope (5)
20 Occasion (5)
22 Chatter (3)

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WORDSEARCH

Find seven words associated with Parliament. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally.

H	S	D	R	O	L	C
C	P	V	I	L	A	O
N	E	D	O	B	V	M
E	A	S	I	T	U	M
B	K	N	U	P	E	O
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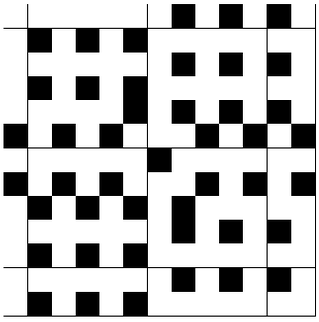
T	R	T	A	E	H	S

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid. Solution below right.



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Doubt
Frost
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Pulse
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Spasm
Staid
Waken
Whelp

6 letters
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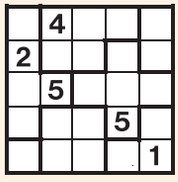

Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a model:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

2 & 3	Ms Emms, British badminton player who won a silver at the 2004 Olympics (second and third letters of name)
5	The dead court jester in Hamlet
1 & 8	Star of Inside Man, Training Day and American Gangster
6 & 4	Uruguayan former Liverpool striker who has been caught biting opponents on three occasions
7 & 9	Mr Kepler, 17th-century German astronomer, mathematician and natural philosopher (second and seventh letters of name)

Yesterday: Singer GRACE JONES (Raymond Chandler, John (Mellencamp), Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jeff Goldblum, Peter (Tatchell)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.
Can't wait until tomorrow for the answers? Call **0901 293 6298**
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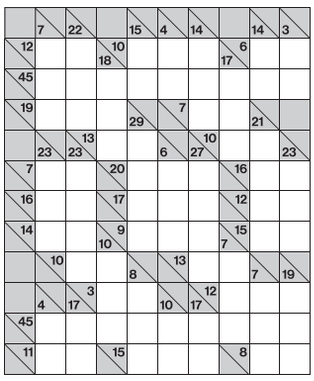
KAKURO



Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column. Solution below right.

SUNDIAL

Brilliant: 15. Excellent: 13. Good: 9. Great kids' score: 7.

SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY: Cine, code, coded, coincide, coined, cone, coned, deco, dice, diced, died, dine, dined, diode, done, eddo, iced, indie, iodine, nice, node, once, COINCIDED.

30-SECOND NUMBERCRUNCH

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't use a calculator – that would be cheating! Write your answer at the end. Aim to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers on the right.

EASY **33**	-29	×8	+172	÷12	+251	÷4	+261	Half of it	-86	ANSWER
MEDIUM **131**	+79	÷6	+438	÷11	-39	×10	+140	2/3 of it	+169	ANSWER
HARDER **177**	Third of it	+2245	4/9 of it	-219	÷7	+1505	÷12	-57	50% of it	ANSWER

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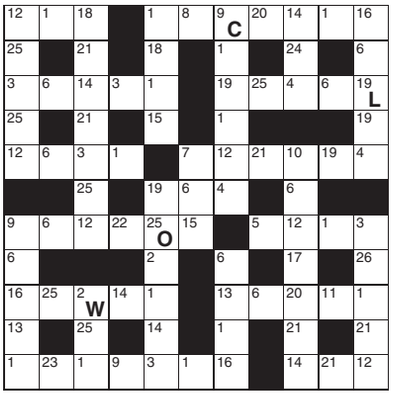
WORD WORKOUT



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 5 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 5. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: Join, Quay, Blink, Impel, Elf, Raged, Felon, Apart, Edict, Wax, Khaki, Essay, Veil, Teem.
DOWN: Owing, Naked, Quiff, Appal, Barrack, Lengthy, Ear, End, Amaze, Twill, Exert, Issue.

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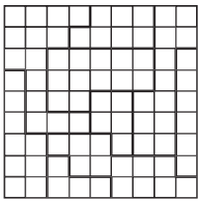
MISSING LINK

Fit ten words into the grid so each connects with the words on either side, eg wishing – well – done. The letters in the shaded squares spell out a theatre term. Solution below.

LEMON		CHEESE
MINUTE		DOWN
MAST		FIRST
MASKING		RECORDER
TOASTING		OUT
RUBBER		PATCH
SWEET		BACK
GOLD		HOUR
DUCK		SKATER
FAIR		HARDBALL

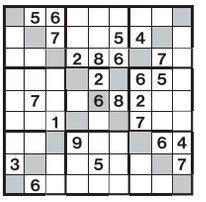
STARS

Put two stars in each row, column and region. Star cells can't touch, even diagonally. Solution below.



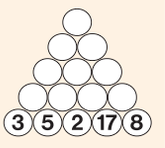
X FACTOR

Normal sudoku rules... but the two main diagonals must also contain the numbers 1-9. Solution below.



ADD UP

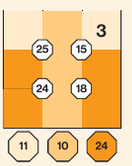
If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number? Solution below.



BRAINBUSTER

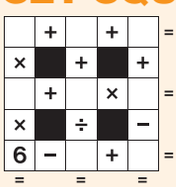
Which entrepreneur has a name that is an anagram of BEHEADED ROMAN?

SAKURO



Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals at the bottom. Solution below.

SET SQUARE



Place digits 1-9 to make the sums work. Each digit can be used only once. Solution below.

Yesterday's solutions

Easy

7	1	9	6	8	5	2	3	4
4	5	3	9	1	2	6	8	7
8	2	6	4	7	3	1	9	5
3	4	1	8	5	9	7	2	6
9	6	5	7	2	4	3	1	8
2	7	8	3	6	1	5	4	9
1	9	7	2	4	6	8	5	3
5	8	4	1	3	7	9	6	2
6	3	2	5	9	8	4	7	1

Teaser

2	4	3	7	5	6	1	8	9
9	1	8	2	4	3	7	5	6
7	6	5	9	8	1	3	2	4
8	3	7	6	1	2	4	9	5
6	9	1	4	7	5	2	3	8
4	5	2	3	9	8	6	7	1
1	7	4	5	2	9	8	6	3
3	2	9	8	6	4	5	1	7
5	8	6	1	3	7	9	4	2

Toughie

4	9	3	2	7	8	5	1	6
2	5	1	9	6	3	4	7	8
7	6	8	1	5	4	3	2	9
3	4	5	7	2	9	8	6	1
6	8	2	4	3	1	7	9	5
1	7	9	6	8	5	2	3	4
9	2	4	5	1	7	6	8	3
5	3	6	8	9	2	1	4	7
8	1	7	3	4	6	9	5	2

Two-speed crossword

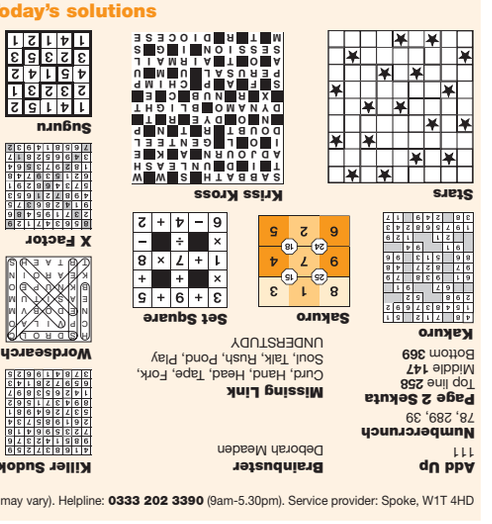
ACROSS: 1 Decrepit, 6 Cod-e, 8 Stingray, 9 B-e-ad, 10 Ki-l-n, 11 Op-tician(Titian), 13 Asylum, 15 P-reach, 17 Sauterne, 19 C-(al)la-m, 20 Deli(f), 21 S-crew-top, 22 (Sy)stem, 23 Asterisk.

DOWN: 2 Entries, 3 Ru-n-in, 4 Per-former, 5 Try(st), 6 Cub-ic-l-e, 7 Dram-a, 12 Top-secret, 14 Lit-h-i-um, 16 Callous, 18 Ale-rt, 19 C-owe-r, 21 Ska.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING

The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2024 was 34.7%

Today's solutions



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X MARKS POT

TRILLIONAIRE Elon Musk's **SPACEX** posted second-quarter sales of £6.09billion — 92 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Satellite subsidiary **STARLINK** generated £3.35billion. The space division made £750million, while AI brought in £2billion.

Losses narrowed from £780million to £422million. But shares fell more than 8 per cent. They have already tumbled 24 per cent since June's record flotation.

BEAZLEY BLOW

PROFITS at **BEAZLEY** have plunged as the specialist insurer prepares for an £8.1billion takeover by Swiss giant **ZURICH**.

The FTSE 100 firm made pre-tax profits of £176.6million in the first six months, down 52.7 per cent on last year. That included £25million in takeover costs.

Chief exec Adrian Cox blamed a tougher risk landscape. Zurich's £13.35 a share offer will delist Beazley from the stock exchange.

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THE NEXT TILLS RING

Sunny weather boosts sales

NEXT has enjoyed a sales surge that beat its own expectations — crediting the hot weather and pent-up demand in the Middle East.

By JAMES FLANDERS

The retailer lifted its profit outlook again after the stronger-than-expected second quarter.

Total full-price sales, which excludes discounts and clearance items, increased by 9.2 per cent over the 13 weeks to August 1, compared with the same period last year.

This was way above the 4 per cent increase the fashion and homeware firm had been forecasting for the period.

In the UK, sales were up by 2.8 per cent for the quarter, with online shopping driving it, while stores sales decreased.

Meanwhile, online international sales soared by 37 per cent year-on-year, according to the update to investors. Next said the "over-performance" was partly due to weather in the UK being hotter than anticipated, as well as spending more on profitable marketing campaigns.

It also pointed to the release of demand in the Middle East and Northern Europe after a weaker start to the year for both regions.

Trading had been affected by the Iran war, with the Middle East region accounting for around 6 per cent of the group's annual sales.

Chief executive Lord Wolfson had previously said the company planned to raise prices in some overseas countries by as much as 8 per cent to offset the impact.

Next said it was now expecting its full-year pre-tax profit to be £1.24billion – £25million above previous estimates. That figure would be 7.3 per cent higher than the year before.

It is the second time this financial year that the company has upgraded its outlook for earnings.

9.2% year-on-year rise in full-price sales in 13 wks to Aug 1

FTSE 100 10,888.30 UP 8.92pts 0.08%

$1.34 €1.16

SHARE PRICES

21st Cent Fox Inc A	4408¼	-	
21st Cent Fox Inc B	3360	-	
Aberdeen Group	254½	+	2 ¾
Anglo American	4020	+	113
Assco Br Foods	2112	+	16
AstraZeneca	12066	+	326
Aviva	701¾	+	8 ¼
BAE Systems	2161	-	23
BP	516½	-	8 ¼
BT Group	201¼	-	0 ¾
Barclays	527¾	+	5 ½
Barratt Redrow	316	+	1 ¼
Bco Santander SA	1092	+	14
Brit Ameri Tobacco*	4375	-	17
British Land	448	-	0 ¼
Bunzl	2830	+	36
Burberry Group	1215	+	4 ½
Compass	2467½	+	49
Currys	162¾	+	0 ½
Diageo	1641½	+	6
Drax Group	715½	-	1
Experian	2869	+	9
FirstGroup*	185½	+	1 ¼
Frasers Group	915	-	11
GSK	1915	+	0 ½
Greggs	1939	-	7
HSBC	1512¼	-	72 ¼
IMI	3084	+	62
ITV	72¼	-	1
Imperial Brands	2743	+	7
InterCont'l Hotels	11896¼	+	235½
Intl Consol Airlines	445½	+	7
Johnson Matthey	2150¾	+	50 ¾
Kingfisher	321¾	+	0 ¾
Legal&General	305¼	+	2 ¼
Lloyds Banking Gp	117	-	
LSE Grp	8622	+	122
Man Group	314¼	+	3 ½
Marks & Spencer	411½	+	1 ¼
Mitch & Butlers	282½	-	0 ½
Mitie Group*	206¼	-	0 ¼
Mobico Group	25	+	0
Mothercare	0¾	-	0
NatWest Group	716¼	+	0 ¼
National Grid	1188¼	+	0 ¼
News Corp A	2093	-	2 ¾
News Corp B	2420¾	+	41
Next	15610	+	800
Pennon*	457¼	-	1 ¾
Persimmon	1128½	-	14 ¾
Prudential	1023	-	72
Rank Group	100¼	-	0 ¼
Reckitt Benckiser	5336	+	64
Rentokil	366¾	-	3 ½
Rightmove	472½	-	2 ¼
Rio Tinto Ltd	9233¼	+	209½
Rolls-Royce	1569¾	+	40 ¼
SSE*	2343	-	13
Sainsbury's	356¼	+	0 ¾
Segro	971¼	-	3 ¼
Severn Trent	3076	+	26
Shell	3280½	-	41
Smith&New	1111½	-	10 ½
Smiths News	72	-	1
Standard Chartered	2219	-	29
Tesco	480½	+	1 ½
The Sage Grp	1018½	+	9
Unilever	4780½	+	32
United Utilities	1412	+	6
Vanquis Banking Gp	81½	+	0 ½
Vesuvius	385¼	+	6 ¾
Vodafone	114	-	2 ¾
WH Smith	439	-	6

* = ex dividend

CHECKS AND THE CITY..

THE City watchdog is ripping up its own rules in a desperate bid to revive London.

The Financial Conduct Authority is to axe a seven-day waiting period for connected research during stock market flotations, and simplify how firms share information.

The reforms should cut costs, reduce risk, and help British exchanges compete with New York, the watchdog said.

A series of firms including **FERGUSON**, **CRH** and **FLUTTER ENTERTAINMENT** have cancelled secondary London listings recently. The City has lost around a third of its listed companies in the last decade.

O'CARROLL . . . vision

Take Carr of future

St Helens v Hull FC

8pm, sky sports action

By GARY CARTER

EAMON O'CARROLL admits standing in as St Helens coach is not just about results but making sure they are better equipped for the future.

Even if they miss out on Super League's play-offs for the first time.

Saturday's 34-32 humbling at York — who were part-time in the Championship last year — left the mighty set for a fall.

O'Carroll, 39, stepped up after boss Paul Rowley was ditched last month.

Ahead of tonight's visit by Hull FC, he said: "This is a much bigger job than just performance.

"This is about instilling some things that will help the club in the future.

"That's my main objective. Of course I want to win games but some of the younger lads are getting some exposure now.

"Long term it's going to be better for us and really beneficial."

Sport

CAMERON NORRIE beat Peru's Ignacio Buse 6-3 6-3 at the Canadian Open.

Norrie, 30, will face world No7 Alex De Minaur in the last 32 in Montreal as he looks to overhaul Arthur Fery as British No1.

SHORT

It's Super stressful, Knights

By GARY CARTER

MARK APPLEGARTH hit out at rugby league chiefs for leaving York's Super League future in limbo.

The Knights have racked up seven wins so far in their first-ever campaign in the top flight.

Applegarth's troops sit tenth, normally enough to stay up, but a grading system is used to decide promotion and relegation.

Teams are judged not solely on results but also on criteria like fanbase, finance and their stadium.

New boys York and Toulouse must wait until October after the season ends to find out their fate.

Boss Applegarth said: "If we want to be taken seriously as a club, and a sport, we can't do things with such late notice.

"We're just working as if we will still be in it."

● DUBLIN'S Laya Arena is to host Warrington versus Wigan on April 24 next season — the first time a Super League fixture has been held in Ireland.

BOXING

EXCLUSIVE

MEXICAN STANDOFF

Benn's dig at Garcia over heritage

By JO AUJLA

CONOR BENN accused Ryan Garcia of pretending to be something he's not – claiming the American "ain't got the heart or balls of a Mexican".

Garcia, 27, stands in the way of Benn fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming a world champion when he defends his WBC welterweight title in Las Vegas on September 12.

Throughout his career Garcia has embraced and celebrated his Mexican ancestry, proudly flying the country's flag.

But Benn, 29, claims his opponent – born to American parents – lacks the toughness, heart and fighting spirit that defines Mexican fighters.

The Essex-based boxer did not hold back when asked why he has been trash-talking Garcia in Spanish during the build-up to their showdown.

Benn has been using a language he speaks fluently – having previously lived in Mallorca for 12 years – to rile up Garcia.

And he knows his rival cannot answer back because he does not speak Spanish.

Asked whether that gets under Garcia's skin, Benn told SunSport: "Yeah, of course it does."

On why he believes it bothers Garcia so much, he replied: "Because he isn't one of them.

"He claims to be one of them. He ain't for the culture.

"He ain't got the heart of a Mexican. He ain't got the balls of a Mexican. He ain't got the nitty gritty in him."

The Destroyer then explained what he believes defines a true Mexican fighter, praising the country's rich boxing tradition.

He said: "That's everything the Mexicans are.

"How many Mexicans have come over here and derailed some of our great fighters?

"People that we've never even heard of.

"They fight with heart, they fight with sheer emotion, dedication, discipline and fire.

"They have got something to prove to the world. They earn their space.

"That's what my views of a Mexican fighter is.

"But also the culture, the language . . . I'm all for it."

The comments are the latest verbal blow before one of the biggest fights of Benn's career.

The Brit is no stranger to a war of words.

But unlike his bitter rivalry with Chris Eubank Jr – who he beat on a dominant unanimous decision at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium last November – Benn admitted there is no genuine hatred towards Garcia.

Instead, his focus is firmly on becoming WBC world champion by taking Garcia's belt at the T-Mobile Arena.

That would emulate his father Nigel Benn, who was a WBO middleweight and WBC super-middleweight champion *(right)*.

Benn Jr secured a shot at the title after a unanimous verdict over former two-time super-lightweight champion Regis Prograis at Tottenham in April.

But Benn dare not consider what lifting the belt would mean because he is not yet allowing himself to think beyond his preparations for fight night.

He admitted: "I can't imagine it at the moment because there's a big task at hand.

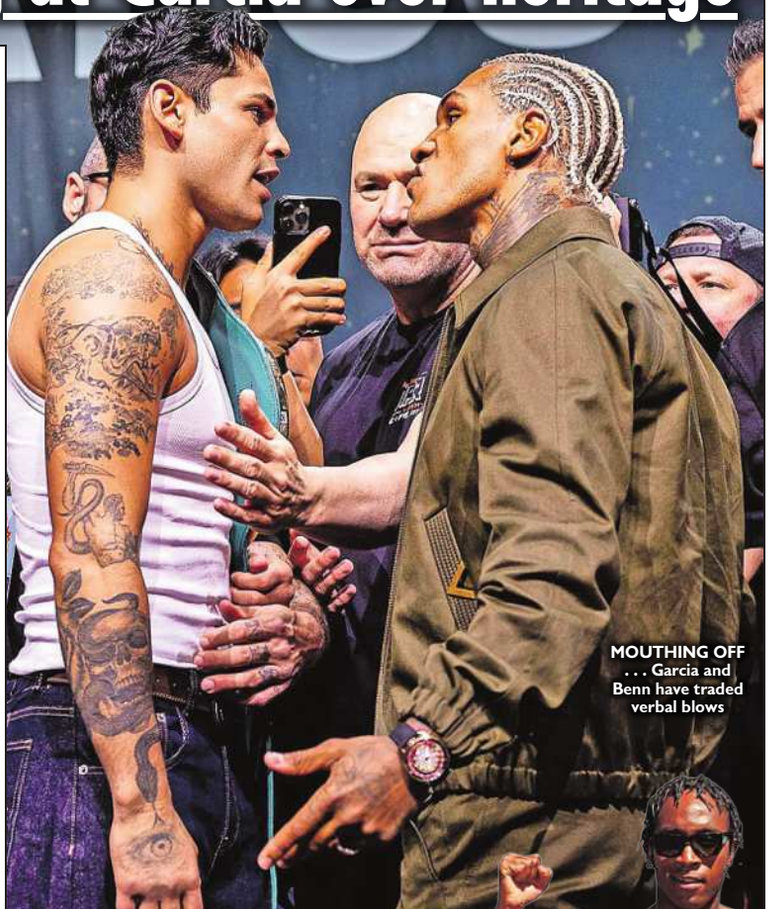
"I have got to prepare so hard and really put myself through it. I have got to go through hell and back to prove I belong at the top."

While Benn's verdict on Garcia could hardly be clearer, the animosity is certainly not one way.

The pair had to be separated by security at a New York press conference last month.

And Garcia has said he will be disappointed in himself if he cannot knock Benn out.

All that is left to find out is who really has the heart and cojones on September 12.



MOUTHING OFF . . . Garcia and Benn have traded verbal blows

HUSSEY . . . job offer

Fleming lines up Hussey

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

MIKE HUSSEY could be offered a job in a new-look England backroom team under incoming Test head coach Stephen Fleming.

The ex-Australia star — nicknamed Mr Cricket — reportedly received an "informal approach" to become batting coach.

Hussey, 51, is in charge of Welsh Fire in The Hundred, and their squad includes returning England Test skipper Joe Root.

Current batting coach Marcus Trescothick will be interim chief for the three-Test series against Pakistan while Fleming has a family holiday.

England name the squad for the First Test at Headingley on August 19 today.

If Hussey is hired, Trescothick may then switch to the white-ball team under Brendon McCullum.

Hussey was a consultant for England's T20 side during the victorious 2022 World Cup campaign in Australia.

Sport

ARGENTINA fly-half Tomas Albornoz has been hit with a four-match ban for shoving ref Angus Gardner.

He reacted after a late Pumas' try was ruled out in last month's 31-24 loss to England.

SHORT

LIV get funding lifeline

By JAMES CLARKE

LIV GOLF says it has secured a new unnamed investor to ensure the tour's survival next year.

The rebel competition's future looked in doubt after Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund announced it was withdrawing backing.

But LIV CEO Scott O'Neil revealed an agreement that would allow the league to forge ahead.

And he added that the deal will make LIV's stars "majority equity holders".

O'Neil said: "This second bite at the apple is equity instead of cash."

But the American was evasive about the future of LIV heavyweights Bryson DeChambeau and Jon Rahm, saying: "We've been blessed with stars.

"But I don't think there was any bigger star on the planet when we were in South Africa than Dean Burmester, or any bigger star than Cam Smith when we were in Australia."

UNITED TOUR

COLD TRAFFORD . . . former United chief Amorim sent Rashford on loan

Plenty of Amo for Rash

MARC RETURN VS RUBEN

MARCUS RASHFORD could make his Manchester United return against old foe Ruben Amorim.

By KATHERINE WALSH

The forward, 28, is set to report back for pre-season at the end of this week with England team-mate Kobbie Mainoo and Argentine World Cup star Lisandro Martinez.

While United remain tight-lipped on Rashford's timetable, his return likely aligns with the rest of those who featured at the tournament.

A three-week break following his final World Cup match places him in the Republic of Ireland for next week's training camp in Maynooth.

If that happen, his first game could be against Portuguese coach Amorim's AC Milan side in Wroclaw a week on Saturday.

It is unlikely Red Devils boss Michael Carrick will play Rashford against Leeds at Croke Park on Wednesday with just a couple of days' training behind him.

The Three Lions ace – at Barcelona last season on loan – has two years left on his United deal and will certainly not be 'bombed out' again like he was under previous chief Amorim last summer.

Carrick was an Old Trafford team-mate of Rashford's in 2016, coached him for years and also managed him briefly for three interim games in 2021.

Rashford's Old Trafford future seemed over when Amorim was in charge and his last Red Devils runout came in a Europa League clash against Viktoria Plzen in December 2024.

Amorim famously said he would rather play 63-year-old goalkeeper coach Jorge Vital than Rashford in January last year, days before the player joined Aston Villa on loan.

Carrick could spare Rash from having to go up against Amorim.

And, as it stands, the feeling at United and within Rashford's camp is he is likely to return and play for his boyhood club next season.

His £325,000-a-week salary is hard to budge, which played a role in Barca failing to trigger their £26million option to buy clause.

Rashford has turned away offers as he refuses to take a pay cut.

Barca were only willing to pay £13m to buy him – before signing England pal Anthony Gordon for £70m from Newcastle and Borussia Dortmund winger Karim Adeyemi.

Once Barca's deadline to buy Rash passed on June 15, United made it known they would listen to £40m offers from clubs – bar City and Liverpool – until mid-July.

He boasted 11 goals and 14 assists as Barca won LaLiga, the Spanish Super Cup and made the Champions League last eight.

United have been eyeing a left-sided attacker and Rashford might now get the chance to prove he is still one of the best in the Prem.

New start with Olid

MANCHESTER UNITED have named ex-Hearts boss Eva Olid as women's manager.

The Spaniard, unveiled yesterday, led her old side to their first Scottish Premiership title last season.

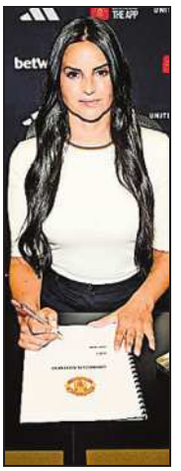
Former United boss Marc Skinner left on Monday after five years in charge.

Olid, 40, said: "The opportunity to join United is a dream come true.

"The club has outstanding infrastructure and everything we need to achieve our ambitions."

Olid's history of developing players was a major factor in her appointment.

United's WSL season starts against London City Lionesses on September 4.



EVA AFTER . . . Olid called job a 'dream'

BAY LOAN, HERE VIGO

ALTAY BAYINDIR is joining Spanish side Celta Vigo on a season-long loan.

By KATHERINE WALSH

The deal for the Manchester United goalkeeper includes an option to buy him for £3.5million, with the LaLiga side paying all of his £45,000-a-week wages.

Back-up stopper Bayindir has made just 17 appearances for the Red Devils since his £4.3m move from Fenerbahce in 2023.

The 28-year-old Turk's contract expires next summer, with United having an option for a further year.

Bayindir was behind flop former No1 Andre Onana, who is back on loan at Trabzonspor in Turkey.

United landed Leeds' 35-year-old veteran Karl Darlow on a free as back-up to Senne Lammens, 24.

They have also agreed to sell Radek Vitek to Middlesbrough in a deal that could hit £14m – with a 35 per cent sell-on clause and buy-back option.

Czech Vitek, 22, was on loan at Championship side Bristol City last season and won three Player of the Year awards.

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SILVA SAW BIG HEARTS

MARCO SILVA was an avid viewer as Hearts came within moments of making history.

By ROBERT MARTIN

So the new Benfica boss is not about to take the Jambos lightly after they missed out on their first title for 66 years.

Hearts are in Lisbon for tonight's Europa League tie having lost all three games so far under new Belgian boss Wouter Vrancken.

But former Fulham boss Silva insisted: "Of course it's going to be dangerous.

"As you know, I've been in the Premier League so many years and the Premiership in Scotland is something we followed last season.

"I remember watching the last game and that amazing story about the chances for Hearts to become champions after so many, many years."

Silva *(below)*, who replaced Jose Mourinho in the summer, wants his new club to stamp their authority on the tie ahead of next week's return tie at Tynecastle.

Silva added: "The atmosphere when we arrive for the second game is going to be there.

"It's important to show our quality – but also respect the quality they have.

"There have been a lot of changes, the manager has changed as well, they need time to adapt.

"We respect them. We have to be at our best level to compete."

Mart in hospital

MARTIN O'NEILL is recovering in hospital after undergoing "a small procedure".

The 74-year-old Celtic boss was in the dugout for Monday night's 1-0 win over Dundee at Parkhead.

A Hoops statement read: "We would envisage Martin being released in the next day or two.

"On his behalf, we would like to thank supporters for their kind wishes. We would ask that the privacy of Martin and his family is respected."

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND FIRST LEG

AGF (1)	**2 SABAH BAKU (0)**	**1**
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FENERBAHCE (2)	**2 STURM GRAZ (0)**	**0**
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UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE
THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND FIRST LEG

FERENCVAROS (0)	**1 G ZABRZE (0)**	**0**
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UEFA EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE
THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND FIRST LEG

BRANN	**0 A LIMASSOL**	**1**
PANATH'KOS	**1 CSKA 1948**	**1**

FRIENDLY MATCHES

ARSENAL (1)	**1 REAL BETIS (3)**	**3**
Hincapie 32	Riquelme 9, Deossa 26 Fornals 43	
CHELSEA (0)	**0 JUVENTUS (0)**	**1**
	Zhegrova 68	
K-LEAGUE (1)	**1 MAN CITY (3)**	**3**
Kim 12	Ait-Nouri 9 Reijnders 20 Mubama 23	

CRICKET

THE HUNDRED - MEN

Manchester Super Giants v Welsh Fire

Old Trafford: Welsh Fire 155-4 (100 balls; M Short 71, P Salt 48); Manchester Super Giants 161-1 (69 balls; T Seifert 62no, J Buttler 51no, P Walter 37). **Manchester Super Giants beat Welsh Fire by 9 wickets.**

Trent Rockets v Birmingham Phoenix

Trent Bridge: Birmingham Phoenix 111-6 (100 balls; J Clarke 62); Trent Rockets 116-3 (83 balls; S Billings 31no). **Trent Rockets beat Birmingham Phoenix by 7 wickets.**

THE HUNDRED - WOMEN

Manchester Super Giants v Welsh Fire

Old Trafford: Manchester Super Giants 85-9 (100 balls; O Prendergast 4-18); Welsh Fire 88-7 (91 balls; S Ecclestone 3-14). **Welsh Fire beat Manchester Super Giants by 3 wickets.**

Trent Rockets v Birmingham Phoenix

Trent Bridge: Birmingham Phoenix 122-7 (100 balls; E Lamb 45; K Garth 4-23); Trent Rockets 124-4 (84 balls; S Dunkley 65). **Trent Rockets beat Birmingham Phoenix by 6 wickets.**

ONE-DAY CUP - GROUP A

Surrey v Kent

The Kia Oval: Surrey 286 (48.3 overs; R S Patel 73; D P Sibley 53; M E Milnes 3-32); Kent 191 (41.5 overs; J K Denly 51; T E Lawes 4-40; T M Ealham 3-37). **Surrey beat Kent by 95 runs.**

GROUP B

Hampshire v Glamorgan

The Rose Bowl: Hampshire 263 (49.3 overs; J S Lehmann 68; B C Brown 54; D A Douthwaite 3-38); Glamorgan 173 (40.4 overs; K J Abbott 3-20; E T Lumsden 4-60). **Hampshire beat Glamorgan by 90 runs.**

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE FEMMES (Macon - Belleville-en-Beaujolais, 140.0km): **Stage 5 -** 1 D Vollering (Hol) FDJ United-SUEZ 3hrs 53mins 54secs, 2 M Reusser (Swi) Movistar Team, 3 K Niewiadoma-Phinney (Pol) CANYON//SRAM all at same time, 4 D Wlodarczyk (Pol) UAE Team L'IMAD +45secs, 5 I Holmgren (Can) Lidl-Trek at same time. **Overall -** 1 M Reusser (Swi) Movistar Team 15hrs 41mins 18secs, 2 D Vollering (Hol) FDJ United-SUEZ at 12secs, 3 K Niewiadoma-Phinney (Pol) CANYON//SRAM +1min 17secs, 4 A Niedermaier (Ger) CANYON//SRAM +2:40, 5 D Wlodarczyk (Pol) UAE Team L'IMAD +2:54.

TENNIS

ATP NATIONAL BANK OPEN (Montreal): **2nd rd -** N Borges (Por) bt T Etcheverry (Arg) 6-4 6-2; M Navone (Arg) bt V Vacherot (Mco) 1-6 6-3 6-3; L Musetti (Ita) bt N Mejia (Col) 7-6 (10-8) 6-2; Z Bergs (Bel) bt S Baez (Arg) 3-6 6-3 6-2; J Fonseca (Bra) bt S Tsitsipas (Gre) 7-6 (7-3) 7-5; C Norrie (GB) bt I Buse (Per) 6-3 6-3; B Shelton (USA) bt J Brooksby (USA) 6-3 7-5; A Fils (Fra) bt Z Svajda (USA) 6-4 3-6 6-1; C Ruud (Nor) bt J Cerundolo (Arg) 6-1 6-2.

WTA NATIONAL BANK OPEN (Toronto): **2nd rd -** A Li (USA) bt K Cross (Can) 7-6 (7-2) 6-3; T Townsend (USA) bt M Bouzkova (Cze) 7-6 (7-4) 7-5; B Bencic (Swi) bt S Stephens (USA) 6-3 6-1; E Rybakina (Kaz) bt D Kasatkina (Aus) 6-3 5-7 6-4; J Pegula (USA) bt M Frech (Pol) 3-6 6-3 6-2.

TODAY'S SPORT

(7.45 unless stated)

EUROPA LEAGUE
3RD QUALIFYING ROUND 1ST LEG

KuPS v Universitatea Craiova..... 4.0
Lech Poznan v KI Klaksvik..... 6.0
Lincoln RI v Omonia Nicosia..... 6.0
Thun v Vikingur Reykjavik..... 7.0
Jagiellonia B v Rangers..... 5.0
Maccabi Tel-Aviv v CSKA Sofia... 5.0
Benfica v Hearts..... 8.0
PAOK v Anderlecht..... 6.45
Hradec Kralove v Besiktas..... 6.0
Red Bull Salzburg v AE Pafos..... 6.0

EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE
3RD QUALIFYING ROUND 1ST LEG

HJK v Motherwell..... 5.0
Ajax v Shelbourne..... 7.0
Bohemians v Midtjylland.....
Hibernian v Shkendija..... 8.0

CARABAO CUP 1ST RND

Bristol City v Walsall.....

CRICKET

The Hundred: London Spirit v MI London (Lord's, Women 3.0, Men 6.30).

GOLF

USPGA Tour Wyndham Championship (Greensboro, North Carolina).

LIV Golf New York (New Jersey).

Ladies European Tour PIF London Championship (St Albans).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (8.0): St Helens v Hull.

Betfred Women's Super League (5.15): St Helens v Wigan Warriors.

PREM LEAGUE BOSS

Spurs stars swear by RDZ

EVEN WHEN HE SAYS 'F*** OFF & JOIN ME'

DOUBLE DUTCH . . . Tijjani Reijnders sweeps home a lovely second goal for City after setting up the first

AWAIT

TIJJANI REIJNDERS helped Enzo Maresca to a Manchester City friendly win — but the Dutchman was given no assurances over his future by the boss.

The midfielder is being linked with a £55million move to Nottingham Forest just a year after moving to the Etihad, while Galatasaray are also interested.

And he put himself in the shop window by scoring one and creating another in a 3-1 victory over the K League All-Stars in the sweltering heat of Seoul.

Having lost on penalties against Inter Milan in Hong Kong on Saturday, goals from Rayan Ait-Nouri, Reijnders and Divin Mubama gave City their first victory under their new Italian gaffer.

The Korean government were giving out

AN INSPIRATION

A HECKE OF A GUY . . . defender Van Hecke was happy to link up again with De Zerbi after their time together at Brighton

ROBERTO DE ZERBI told Jan Paul van Hecke to "F* off" as he launched a bid to lure him to Tottenham.**

By JACK ROSSER

If that sounds an odd way to win over a target, or you are confused as to why new signings have snubbed bigger clubs, spend a few minutes in De Zerbi's company and the clouds will part.

A nightmare to manage for owners? Probably. A delight for players? Absolutely.

Those who have worked with RDZ talk about him like some sort of rabble-rouser.

His fire, wit and undeniable emotional intelligence mean players are happy to look beyond bigger names or pay cheques to play for him.

Sandro Tonali, 26, was courted by a host of top Premier League clubs at Newcastle, while West Ham's 22-year-old Mateus Fernandes turned down Manchester United to work with De Zerbi at Spurs – despite them finishing 17th two years in a row.

Van Hecke, 26, who played under the Italian at Brighton, moved from the South Coast to North London for £52million in June.

And De Zerbi's pursuit of the Dutchman says everything about his character.

JPvH set up Georginio Rutter's injury-time equaliser in April's 2-2 draw at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

And RDZ, a self-proclaimed "shark" in the transfer market, waited for about an hour after Spurs secured survival on the final day with a 1-0 win over Everton before launching his charm offensive.

He said: "After the game, right in my dressing room, my office in Tottenham stadium, I sent a message to my daughter and then JP.

"I sent the message, 'F*** off, you wanted to push down Tottenham for Brighton when you made the assist. Now you have to come to me, yes or yes, you have no choice!'.

"I am excited when we close the deal, yes, but not for the player. We can play with JP, without JP, with Tonali, without Tonali but it's a different relationship, a different atmosphere.

"If the coach calls the player, you can build a special connection at the beginning.

"The player knows you are the key for this transfer and maybe feels he has to give you back something more than if sporting director Johan Lange calls.

"You can create the special connection. With Mateus Fernandes, I spoke with the parents, with mum, with the father."

De Zerbi, who excitedly bangs the table – where his phone and cigarettes sit – throughout this hour-long tour de force in Sydney, thumps his chest when he explains where the desire to be so close with his players comes from.

He added: "It's in here. Because of me as a player, as a student at school.

"When I felt the relationship with the teacher, with the coach, I was able to give my best.

"If I didn't feel the connection, if I didn't feel he appreciated me, I close myself, we start a war.

"It's good, especially for the new generation.

"If they feel, 'The coach loves me, appreciates me as a player, as a guy', they are in the right condition to show who they are."

An inability to show who they are or how good they are has been a chronic problem at Tottenham in the past two seasons.

As always, there was a characteristically De Zerbi answer to this problem.

The 47-year-old Italian gaffer succeeded Igor Tudor on March 31 and had seven games to save Spurs from relegation.

His first game in charge was a 1-0 defeat at Sunderland.

Walking into the dressing room at the Stadium of Light, he was staggered by what he found. He said: "I saw the players after Sunderland, it was all people crying, lying down on the floor.

"I said, 'Did we pass away?'. I tried to transfer positivity and to observe the situation from another perspective."

After gathering all the staff at the club's Hotspur Way training ground and telling them to go home if they could not put on their best smile, there was a typically De Zerbi solution to lifting spirits within the squad – a night on the lash.

He revealed: "One big dinner in Bacchanalia in Mayfair – with alcohol.

"Alcohol is a good medicine. If you enjoy normally and seriously, not as stupid people. I believe in staying together."

De Zerbi hopes the players will now start organising their own nights out and knows he is placing a lot of trust in them.

But this is a man who does not set rules. He is firm when needed but wants his players to feel they can be themselves – so long as they give him everything while working.

He added: "I ask for their head and their brain. All day.

"Football is based on every single day. Football is not like the light, you switch on one and then you switch off.

"I read in a book creative people don't follow any rules. I would like creative players.

"I don't want to set any rules. Just a couple, two or three at most. In terms of players, of being together.

"I am not a policeman, not with my children. Freedom, total freedom. One is one.

"But every day we have to push, we have to deserve to stay here or to play football or to earn the money we earn.

"We have to respect the luck we have had in our life."

Anyone working at the top level in football has had some level of fortune.

But while De Zerbi considers himself lucky to be at Tottenham, they can feel the same about him.

HANDS ON . . . transfer "shark" RDZ is rebuilding Spurs

TOTTENHAM'S SUMMER SIGNINGS (so far!)

Sandro Tonali	£92.5m
Mateus Fernandes	£85m
Jan Paul van Hecke	£52m
Marcos Senesi	Free
Andy Robertson	Free
Martin Dubravka	Free
TOTAL GROSS SPEND	£229.5m

FORECAST FOR REIJN

From MARTIN BLACKBURN in South Korea

health warnings yesterday, urging people to stay inside due to the soaring temperatures and humidity.

However, the former AC Milan man kept a cool head on the pitch. When asked if Reijnders is a player he would like to keep, Maresca said: "He is here with us and it is my duty to do the best for all the players here – until the day they are not here.

"But he's been working well since he came back from his holidays and I'm very happy with his performances."

The 28-year-old's future may well depend on City's pursuit of Morocco's £85m-rated World Cup star Ayyoub Bouaddi, 18, so this was a good time for him to turn it on.

It was not quite such a good night for Savinho who had a frustrating time as a sub in a largely uneventful second half.

The Brazilian, 22, is believed to have told City he is keen to leave the Etihad, with Tottenham waiting to pounce.

But Maresca *(right)* said: "There's a lot of speculation about our players – not just Savi.

"We want to help him improve but with the transfer window open anything can happen and we have to be ready for that."

Reijnders helped City get off to a flying start as he twisted and turned on the right before pulling a ball back for Ait-Nouri to drill home after just nine minutes.

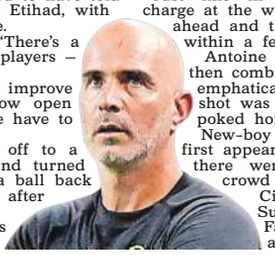
Surprisingly, the All-Stars levelled three minutes later as Kim Dae-won thumped a low shot past Gianluigi Donnarumma.

Just like in Maresca's first game in charge at the weekend, his team had gone ahead and then conceded an equaliser within a few minutes.

Antoine Semenyo and Rico Lewis then combined and Reijnders finished emphatically. Soon after Semenyo's shot was pushed away but Mubama poked home in the 23rd minute.

New-boy Jeremy Monga, 17, made a first appearance and looked lively but there were no more goals for a crowd of 28,000 to enjoy.

City will be back here on Sunday as they close their Far East tour with a game against Atletico Madrid.



Tzol to Hull

KONSTANTINOS TZOLAKIS says the lure of the Prem convinced him to ditch Greece for Hull.

The Olympiakos keeper *(left)* is Tigers' record signing in a five-year, £20million deal plus add-ons.

The Greek No1, 23, said: "I have come to Hull because the Premier League is the top stage."

Hammers hunt Troy

By JACK ROSSER and SIMON COLLINGS

WEST HAM are working on a deal for Ireland star Troy Parrott.

The AZ Alkmaar striker *(below)* hit 31 goals in all competitions last season.

Fulham, Ajax, Porto and Real Betis have all been linked with the ex-Tottenham forward, 24, who is expected to move this summer.

But Hammers chiefs are pushing to win the race as they eye a quick Premier League return following relegation.

Parrott has impressed in Holland after joining AZ two years ago from Spurs for £6.7million.

Meanwhile, West Ham are stepping up talks for centre-back Adam Webster – who is a free agent after his contract with Brighton expired.

SunSport exclusively revealed the Irons' interest in Webster, 31, back in June and progress has been made in their pursuit.

He did not play at all last season after a knee injury on the eve of the campaign.

NEWS TICKER

TAKEHIRO TOMIYASU looks set to join Crystal Palace on a free transfer.

The former Arsenal defender, 27, impressed new Eagles boss Pierre Sage during a trial after playing for Japan at the World Cup.

TOTTENHAM wonderkid Mikey Moore is closing in on a loan move to Cologne.

The winger, 18, has been attracting interest after spending last term at Scottish club Rangers.

And Bundesliga outfit Cologne are set to sign him on a straight loan, with no option to buy.

FULHAM captain Tom Cairney will be out until at least October after undergoing knee surgery.

The midfielder, 35, had a minor operation — and is expected to return to training after the September international break.

Frank Cals it on

COVENTRY'S transfer record could be smashed for the FOURTH time this summer with a £23.1million move for Caleb Yirenkyi.

Sky Blues boss Frank Lampard has brought in £22.5m keeper Carl Rushworth, Loum Tchaouna for £20m and £15.4m man Aurele Amenda.

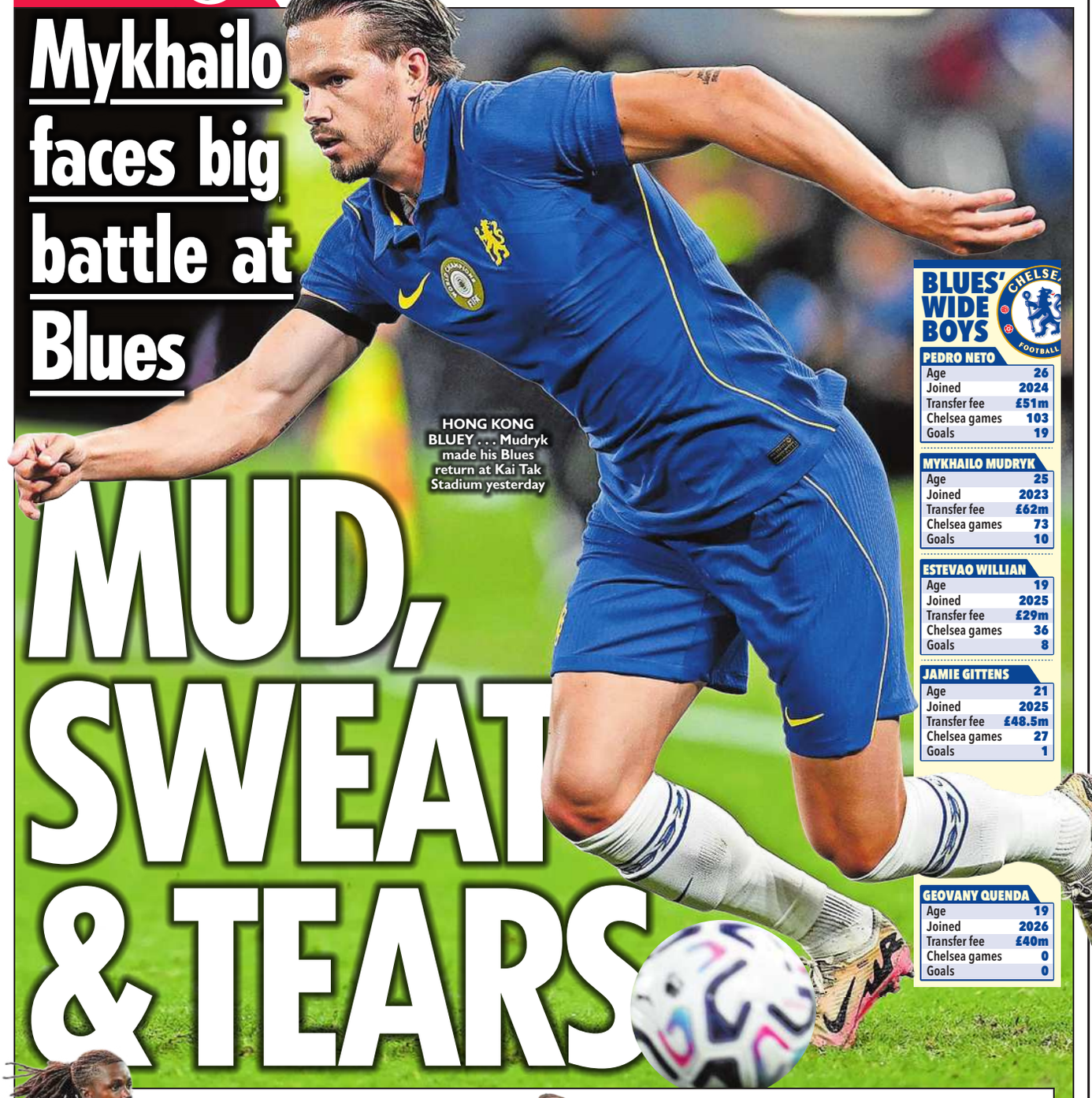
Now Lamps' Prem new boys hope to land 20-year-old Nordsjaelland midfielder Yirenkyi.

He caught the eye at the World Cup by scoring a late winner for Ghana against Panama.

PREM

WING 'N A PRAYER

Mykhailo faces big battle at Blues



HONG KONG BLUEY . . . Mudryk made his Blues return at Kai Tak Stadium yesterday

MUD, SWEAT & TEARS

BLUES' WIDE BOYS

PEDRO NETO

Age	26
Joined	2024
Transfer fee	£51m
Chelsea games	103
Goals	19

MYKHAILO MUDRYK

Age	25
Joined	2023
Transfer fee	£62m
Chelsea games	73
Goals	10

ESTEVAO WILLIAN

Age	19
Joined	2025
Transfer fee	£29m
Chelsea games	36
Goals	8

JAMIE GITTENS

Age	21
Joined	2025
Transfer fee	£48.5m
Chelsea games	27
Goals	1

GEOVANY QUENDA

Age	19
Joined	2026
Transfer fee	£40m
Chelsea games	0
Goals	0

G WHIZ . . . Chelsea new boy Quenda shone in loss to Juventus

MYKHAILO MUDRYK is back — but yesterday's 1-0 defeat by Juventus showed the size of the task facing him if he wants to play in Chelsea's attack.

By DAN KING

The Ukraine winger's return after a 20-month drug ban was the biggest headline of a low-key pre-season friendly in Hong Kong.

But the good news for manager Xabi Alonso – and the bad news for Mudryk – is that the Blues have another exciting forward on their hands in Geovany Quenda.

The Portuguese teen made his official debut after recovering from a knock picked up in the behind-closed-doors game against Bromley last month.

And the 19-year-old was the biggest plus for the Blues, as they lost to a wondergoal by Juve's Edon Zhegrova midway through the second half.

Quenda played on both flanks for previous club Sporting Lisbon, making his name as a right wing-back under Ruben Amorim.

But when he was younger, he was an out-and-out winger, and he showed why in an impressive first-half display.

Chelsea fans were unhappy last season at how often their widemen turned inside or backwards, refusing to take on their defender.

The modern trend is for inverted wingers and Quenda does seem to be all left foot. In the opening stage, he cut in from the right and sent in a tempting cross which recent signing Danny Welbeck headed wide.

Quenda's willingness to go at his man, throw the Juventus defence off balance and drift inside to link play from a No10-type position, all bode well.

As does his potential link-up with another new arrival, right-back Marco Palestra.

Although Chelsea controlled much of the first half, they failed to have a shot on target and Palestra's cross, after he was played in by Quenda, was their most dangerous moment.

Estevao Willian came on for Quenda as one of four half-time changes and the Brazilian, himself still 19, showed signs he did not want to be upstaged.

Palestra had a couple of sights of goal and should have done better with the second, producing only a tame shot.

But in the 68th minute, the Blues gave Zhegrova time to line up a spectacular curling effort which gave sub keeper Mike Penders no chance.

Nicolas Jackson, who came on at the break, was taken off with eight minutes to go to give Mudryk his first appearance since November 2024.

The Ukrainian looked eager to make up for lost time – and sent in one dangerous cross. But he will have seen close up how much stiffer competition for places has become in attack.

Boss Alonso said: "I'm really pleased for him. It was emotional for everyone from the club to see him back.

"When I told him before the game he could play ten or 15 minutes, he was thrilled. It was after such a long period that he couldn't play with the team, so it was a great feeling for him.

"It was more than a football decision. It was a human decision and emotional decision to give him this boost."

Cole Palmer and Levi Colwill were both left out of the squad – but Alonso insisted there was no cause for alarm.

He said: "They had some discomfort. Cole with a contact injury and Levi too.

"It's not a big thing – but we want to be cautious. We'll go day by day."

CHAVARRIA . . . cover

Alonso's Chav a go hero

By TONY LITTLE

CHELSEA are close to agreeing a £16.3million deal to sign Pep Chavarria from Rayo Vallecano.

The left-back, 28, was part of the team that reached last season's Conference League final.

Chavarria will provide competition for Jorrel Hato, 20, following Marc Cucurella's summer switch to Real Madrid.

All parties are confident of a deal being struck.

Despite his age, Chavarria has only four seasons of top-flight experience having moved from second division side Real Zaragoza in 2022.

His signing continues the trend of the Blues buying experienced players under new boss Xabi Alonso.

It follows the arrivals of striker Danny Welbeck, 35, and 36-year-old midfielder Jordan Henderson.

Chavarria becomes the third defensive signing of the summer as the Blues remodel their squad.

Right-back Marco Palestra joined from Atalanta in July, while the arrival of centre-back Maxence Lacroix from Crystal Palace was announced last week.

A deal was reached on Monday for Trevoh Chalobah to leave for Como.

An agreement is in place between the two clubs and centre-back, with the Blues due a proportion of any future transfer fee.

Chalobah joins Cucurella, Tyrique George, Andrey Santos and Alejandro Garnacho in departing Stamford Bridge.

PREM COUNTDOWN

15 DAYS TO GO

TOTTENHAM went 15 matches without a league win until beating Wolves in April – thanks to a winner by Joao Palhinha *(left)* with eight minutes left. It was their second-longest winless run ever after a 16-game spell between Dec 1934-April 1935 (D6 L10).

WHY HAS MO GONE TO TURKEY?

FEELS FAN-TASTIC . . . supporters hail their new hero

LIGHT SHOW . . . Salah's welcome at Trabzon Airport

KING'S ARRIVAL . . . fans already had banners made in Salah's honour

He's getting a lorra lira

DEAL IS WORTH £363k PER WEEK...NET!

SALAH CAREER RECORD

		Games	Goals
2010-12	El Mokawloon	46	12
2012-14	Basel	79	20
2014-16	Chelsea	19	2
2015	Fiorentina (loan)	26	9
2015-16	Roma (loan)	42	15
2016-17	Roma	41	19
2017-26	Liverpool	442	257
TOTAL		695	334

MO SALAH choosing to join Trabzonspor caught everyone off guard.

And that even includes those at the Turkish club, who hurriedly sent out a panicky statement yesterday afternoon.

Ahead of Salah's arrival at the local airport last night, Trabzonspor were forced to call for calm among fans amid fears their presence could disrupt flights.

Clearly, those at the club had underestimated just how big a deal it was to win the race for the Liverpool legend.

Thousands of supporters turned up to greet their new star signing and the roads outside the airport became gridlocked.

An emotional Salah received a hero's welcome and showed his appreciation by climbing some railings to chant with the fans.

They responded by letting off flares and fireworks, with Trabzonspor's statement from hours earlier falling on deaf ears.

It read: "Mohamed Salah will be at Trabzon Airport tonight at 20.00.

"We kindly and urgently request that our fans planning to come to the airport refrain from using private vehicles as much as possible in order to prevent potential congestion in transportation.

"Additionally, it is of great importance not to light a large number of flares, both to prevent any adverse health effects and to avoid any disruptions to the flight traffic at the airport.

"We thank you for the understanding and sensitivity you will show to ensure that the welcome organisation can be carried out in a safe and healthy manner."

By SIMON COLLINGS

There was more than a hint of irony about the Turkish club's pleas for order, given they had spent much of yesterday whipping up an excited fanbase.

A statement on Tuesday night confirmed talks were underway with Salah, who was a free agent after leaving Anfield at the end of last season after the Reds agreed to tear up the final year of his contract.

Negotiations progressed quickly and the club posted a video of the Egyptian wearing their club shirt yesterday on a private jet with 61 on the back – Trabzon's area code.

The winger said: "Trabzon, are you ready? I can hear you. See you very soon."

Shirts with No10 and Salah on the back swiftly went on sale, while he underwent a medical.

This was, of course, plastered all over social media.

In fairness, Trabzonspor can rightly blow their own trumpet because signing Salah is a huge coup – even if there are several million reasons why many suspect he has made the move.

Reports in Turkey state Salah's base salary will be £14.6million, plus an additional £4.3m in bonuses – or **1.2BILLION** in Turkish lira.

That makes the 34-year-old's weekly packet £363,000 – and that is **AFTER TAX** because Turkish clubs traditionally pay that for their stars.

It is how the likes of Didier Drogba, Mesut Ozil, Roberto Carlos, Wesley Sneijder and Robin van Persie were all lured out there in the past.

But still, they chose to join Turkey's biggest clubs – Galatasaray or Fenerbahce.

Former Liverpool striker Dean Saunders told talkSPORT: "Do you know what? I'm stunned. I'm stunned. What has Mo Salah done?

"And this is no disrespect because I went to Galatasaray, Turkey. My son was born there and I had a great time in Turkey.

"Trabzonspor is a big club in Turkey. But why on earth has Mo Salah left Liverpool to go there?"

Saunders, like many others, assumed Salah would head to Saudi Arabia after the Anfield giants said he could go for free.

Instead, the forward has opted to join a side that finished third in Turkey's top flight last season.

That means Europa League football this term for Salah, provided Trabzonspor can navigate the qualifying play-off round.

After that, the Egyptian King's task will be to wrestle the Super Lig crown off champs Galatasaray.

MOB HANDED . . . Salah flanked by security after having his medical

TOP TEN . . . Salah's shirt

FANS

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to be here. I can't put it into words but the fans here show so much love — 25,000 people.

"I don't know if I have seen that before at an airport!

"But it is a great feeling and shows a lot of love. I am looking forward to joining the team.

"Everywhere I go, I try to win something.

"Hopefully, we can do something good in the league and Europe."

Salah has been on the hunt for a new club since appearing for Egypt at this summer's World Cup and talks with Trabzonspor accelerated this week.

The forward, who will wear the No10 shirt, travelled to Istanbul via a private jet and had his medical before flying to Trabzon.

Trabzonspor chiefs had earlier called for calm.

But roads around the airport were gridlocked by the time Salah arrived at 9pm local time and ecstatic fans set off flares and fireworks outside.

Club president Ertugrul Dogan said: "He is a world star. We needed a player like him. It will be great. May it be beneficial for our community.

"Our recent success is being talked about all over Turkey and Europe."

FIGHT

From Back Page

errors and commit to them not happening again. We will conduct a necessary review.

"With the project now withdrawn, Fifa will no longer tolerate attacks on its integrity, good governance and due process.

"And also take all necessary measures to protect and safeguard its name and reputation.

"Secretary General and the management board reaffirm their full support for Gianni Infantino."

The statement came as Fifa denied claims that Infantino had offered the World Cup final to Morocco — in exchange for their backing.

Morocco will co-host the 2030 tournament with Spain and Portugal.

Fifa stated: "It is false to claim the president made any promise in relation to hosting the World Cup 2030 final."

It was also claimed last night that Fifa have sent out scripted letters to endorse Infantino in his bid to be re-elected as president in 2027.

Portugal great Luis Figo, who ran for the job in 2015, blasted: "What I've seen in the last ten days is the lowest, most deceitful and cravenly self-interested behaviour that I have ever witnessed."

TZOLIS . . . impressing

BRU

From Back Page

their pre-season after friendlies in Girona and Dublin this month.

Guimaraes has long been admired by Arsenal — including before he joined the Toon in 2022 from Lyon in a £42m deal.

The French club are due 20 per cent of any profit Newcastle earn from the transfer — which means about an £8m windfall.

Guimaraes, who boasts over 150 Premier League appearances, will help Mikel Arteta to rotate his midfield more regularly.

The Gunners boss had to rely heavily on both Declan Rice and Martin Zubimendi last season as the club ended a 22-year wait for the league title.

Arteta says he wants to take his champions to a "different dimension" by being ambitious in the summer transfer market.

Guimaraes' imminent arrival will be a huge step in the right direction for the North London club.

But after last night's 3-1 friendly loss to Real Betis in Dublin, Arteta refused to discuss the Brazilian.

He said: "I'm not going to talk about players who aren't Arsenal players.

"I'll tell you the moment something happens."

Christos Tzolis, 24, has already arrived for £34m from Club Brugge.

The Greek winger is settling in well and laid on Piero Hincapie's goal against the Spanish side.

Keeper Illan Meslier is another new boy after joining for free after his Leeds deal ended.

The French stopper, 26, will be the Gunners' third-choice goalkeeper.

And Danish midfielder Christian Norgaard, 32, last night completed a £7m switch to Everton.

Real near Vini deal

By JOSHUA HALL

REAL MADRID are confident Vinicius Jr will put pen to paper on a new deal.

Arsenal are still hoping contract talks break down so they can land the Brazil star.

But the Spanish giants are believed to have made an improved offer closer to the £25million-a-year package he wants — £480,000 a week.

This includes base salary, performance add-ons and a bonus for renewing.

Vinicius, 26, has a year left on his £400,000-a-week contract in Madrid but held positive talks with boss Jose Mourinho.

Real have agreed a £115.8m deal with RB Leipzig for Ivory Coast star YAN DIOMANDE, 19.

The forward will become the most expensive African footballer ever.

QUEL TO PAY . . . Rodrigo Riquelme pounces on Kepa's blunder to put Betis ahead

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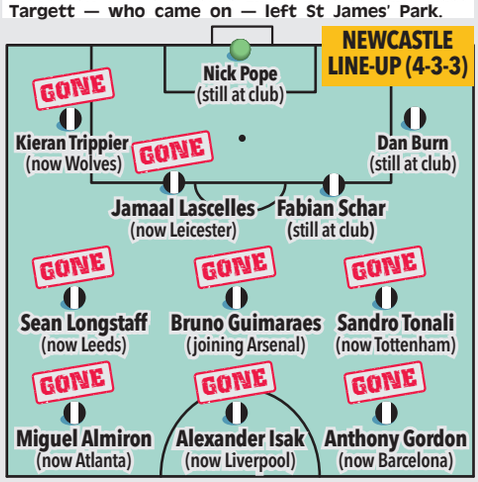
THE dismantling of the Toon. Less than three years ago, Newcastle thumped PSG 4-1 in their first home Champions League game in 20 years.

Yet **EIGHT** of the 11 players who started have moved on. And even subs Elliot Anderson and Matt Targett — who came on — left St James' Park.



TOON

Jaissle's tough task to

THE BOOK may have been closed on a successful era at Newcastle.

But inside St James' Park, there is huge confidence new boss Matthias Jaissle can make phase two of the Saudi project even more memorable.

With a squad stripped of its top stars, the German must be better than his CV suggests to get the Mags flying high again.

The departure of Bruno Guimaraes to Arsenal is just the latest blow in a bruising summer on Tyneside.

It is the culmination of an agonising 12 months that began with Alexander Isak's controversial sale to Liverpool.

Eddie Howe spent all of the £130million received for the Swede but failed to recover from the loss of his star striker. Toon lost their tune. And Anthony Gordon and Sandro Tonali jumped ship after an underwhelming season.

From GARY STONEHOUSE
IN LA MANGA

Once skipper Guimaraes set his heart on Arsenal – further tearing apart his squad – Howe felt he was no longer the man to lead Newcastle.

He left with his reputation intact and will always be lauded for qualifying for the Champions League twice – plus ending a 70-year wait for major domestic silverware by winning the Carabao Cup. The prospects of Jaissle enjoying similar success look slim.

Work is ongoing to recruit an experienced replacement for Guimaraes.

But aside from new £25.7m goalkeeper Lukas Hornicek, all of Toon's exciting incomings are aged 20 or younger.

Jaissle faces some task leading Newcastle's new young guns and remaining old guard back to the big time.

So just what convinced the Saudi PIF owners, who boldly aim to be title challengers by 2030, he can make the next chapter of their reign a hit?

His coaching career first took him to Denmark and then Red Bull Salzburg's academy after playing for Hoffenheim in his homeland.

After his first senior job at

Ain't Gunner be enough, Mikel

MIKEL ARTETA'S touchline frustration in Dublin showed he knows Arsenal cannot cruise to another title with his current squad.

From JOSHUA HALL

Cameos for players like Reiss Nelson and Fabio Vieira were reminders that the Gunners boss might have to bang down the door to bring in more talent.

The Prem champs looked lacklustre as they lost 3-1 to Real Betis in their first meaningful pre-season match.

Their behind-closed-doors clash with MK Dons was a glorified training session while the 4-1 win at Girona was against second-tier opposition.

Last night's game, though, was a real test against a fellow Champions League side — a test they failed.

The Gunners are without a host of World Cup stars, including Bukayo Saka, Declan Rice, Martin Odegaard and the injured William Saliba.

But if this match is anything to go by, Arteta *(left)* will be desperate for more additions. The imminent arrival of Bruno Guimaraes will do just that, but there is plenty of work to do.

Reports suggest Vinicius Jr has been offered an improved deal by Real Madrid, which could scupper Arsenal's ambitious move for the Brazil superstar.

Keeper Kepa Arrizabalaga, another player who falls below the required level, was at fault for Betis' first goal.

The Spaniard flapped at a corner, allowing Rodrigo Riquelme to poke in.

Kepa was partially to blame for the second goal, gifting Betis the ball with a mis-hit clearance, allowing Nelson Deossa to fire in a long-range effort.

New boy Christos Tzolis provided Arsenal with hope when his perfect corner saw Piero Hincapie nod home.

But a sloppy Kai Havertz pass gave Betis — skippered by Gunners old boy Hector Bellerin *(left)* — the ball again before half-time, allowing Pablo Fornals to fire a third past Kepa.

Mass changes in the second half disrupted the tempo of the game.

But it was a stark reminder that, if Arteta wants to hit a "different dimension" this season, superstar recruitment is a necessity.

HIN THE MIXER . . . Hincapie heads Arsenal's goal in a crowded area

CHANGE FOR MAGPIES

RAIDER get his stripped squad going

FC Liefering, he took charge at Salzburg in 2021.

Steeped in Red Bull's philosophy of high pressing, possession and direct play, Jaissle won the double in his first season and retained the league the next.

A move to the Saudi Pro League saw him lead Al-Ahli to back-to-back AFC Champions League crowns.

Jaissle, 38, who added a Saudi Super Cup to his trophy haul, has also evolved his playing style.

He built Salzburg on a Ralf Rangnick-inspired narrow 4-4-2 with wingers coming inside. But he often adopted an attacking 4-2-3-1 at Al-Ahli.

Newcastle sporting director Ross Wilson said: "Matthias' leadership style and football philosophy are strongly aligned with our sporting vision.

"His teams play high-energy football and we could feel his passion during all of our discussions throughout the recruitment process."

For Jaissle, inspired by bits from all of the top coaches rather than just one, precise formations come second to principles about style.

He arrived at Toon's La Manga training camp on Saturday, giving him a week to work with his men before this Saturday's friendly in Valencia.

But don't expect Jaissle to have overloaded a youthful squad with tactics.

Discussing his philosophy previously, he said: "You have to take care that you don't have too much information. This is a big challenge.

"As a manager or coach, you know so much about tactics, but you cannot just give everything to the players.

"You have to really take care not to overwhelm them."

Despite the big-name exits, the prospect of spearheading a team of young starlets and turning the page in Newcastle's Saudi story appeals to him.

He said: "There is enormous potential within this squad. I am excited to work with the players, staff and leadership team to take the club forward."

Jaissle will certainly bring energy and ideas. And with the club back on track financially, this changing of the guard feels the start of exciting times.

Head honcho Wilson added: "Matthias has demonstrated an ability to improve players, build cohesive teams and create elite performance environments. His successes at Salzburg and Al-Ahli underline his ability to deliver results while developing a football identity.

"We believe he is uniquely positioned to build on the strong foundations in place."

SECURE LEGACY . . . ex-boss Howe

TOON A CORNER . . . Jaissle was confirmed as Newcastle boss yesterday

HOPKINSON . . . aim

Matthias is given his Tyne to shine

From GARY STONEHOUSE in La Manga

MATTHIAS JAISSLE is confident he has an "exceptional platform to build on" at Newcastle — despite losing his captain.

The German was confirmed as Eddie Howe's Toon replacement hours after a £75million fee was agreed with Arsenal for Bruno Guimaraes.

The Brazilian midfielder follows Anthony Gordon and Sandro Tonali out of the door this summer.

Jaissle, 38, penned a four-year contract with the Magpies paying Al-Ahli £9.5m compensation.

He said: "This is one of the biggest clubs in European football, with a unique history, identity and supporter base.

"I am excited to experience that passion and connection first-hand."

The former Red Bull Salzburg boss has been at Toon's La Manga training camp since Saturday.

He added: "I believe in this project, the ambition and the direction the club is taking.

"There is a clear vision, strong leadership and an exceptional platform to build on."

It's one of the biggest clubs in Europe — MATTHIAS JAISSLE

Guimaraes, 28, reiterated his desire to leave face-to-face with Jaissle.

While the Samba ace finalises his move, the new Magpies boss is hard at work with his revamped side.

Czech keeper Lukas Hornicek, 24, arrived as Toon's fifth summer signing in a £25.7m deal from Braga on Monday.

Toon had already signed fellow stopper Ewen Jaouen, Aladji Bamba and Bazoumana Toure, all 20, plus Sean Steur, 18.

Jaissle is preparing to lead the side for the first time in Saturday's friendly in Valencia.

He said: "My teams are built on togetherness, hard work, intensity and a passion to improve every single day."

Newcastle CEO David Hopkinson said: "Matthias' leadership qualities and relentless drive to improve make him an exceptional fit."

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PANDEMONIUM

25,000 fans greet Salah

By SIMON COLLINGS

MO SALAH was given a hero's welcome by 25,000 fans after agreeing a mega-money move to Turkey's Trabzonspor.

The Liverpool legend jetted in from his holiday on Greek island Mykonos to sign a two-year deal worth £363,000 a week — AFTER TAX.

And the Egyptian King, 34, was blown away by his reception at Trabzon Airport.

Salah said: "It is incredible to have these fans here now.

"The reception was unbelievable, so I am very happy

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DUTY GLEE . . . Mo Salah is all smiles as he arrives in Turkey, while overjoyed fans celebrate his arrival with flares (left)

Gianni sorry but fights on

By JOSHUA JONES

DEFIANT Gianni Infantino made a desperate plea for forgiveness — but has vowed to fight on as Fifa president.

The Swiss chief *(left)* is clinging to his job amid a furious backlash against his plans to sell off stakes in the World Cup.

Infantino, 56, has been in Morocco holding crisis talks since announcing his proposal – which he then shelved in a humiliating climbdown.

And in a leaked letter to Fifa members, Infantino and secretary general Mattias Grafstrom wrote: "We sincerely apologise for these

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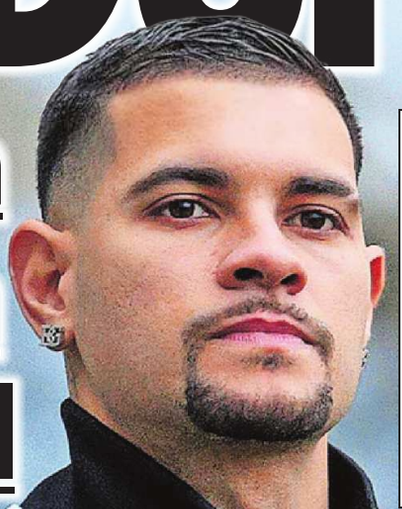
ARSENAL TRANSFER SAGA OVER

BRUDUNNIT!

At last, Arteta strikes a £75m Guimaraes deal



By JOSHUA HALL

ARSENAL have struck a £75million deal to FINALLY sign Bruno Guimaraes.

The Newcastle midfielder, 28, had his Gunners medical last night after patiently waiting for his dream move.

Guimaraes already said his goodbyes to Toon team-mates before leaving their La Manga training camp to seal the switch.

Arsenal chiefs have agreed to pay the full £75m fee – which does not include any add-ons – over the next 24 months.

Guimaraes *(left)* is desperate to join the champions after four years on Tyneside, seeing it as an opportunity to lift silverware in the prime years of his career.

And the Brazilian's exit will be a huge blow to German coach Matthias Jaissle, who was yesterday confirmed as new Toon boss.

Arsenal are set to return to London this week, where they will remain for the rest of

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DIVI UP THE DEAU

Will eyes Maur glory in France

IT ALL ADDS UP . . . Division is heading to France on Sunday for the Group 1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville

By JACK KEENE

WILLIAM HAGGAS reckons Division deserves a change of fortune as he heads to France for a Group 1.

The classy three-year-old has gone close in a host of big sprints this summer, running well against older horses to finish a close fifth in the July Cup last time.

And he was flying at the death when beaten half a length into third in the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot on his previous start.

His winless streak is starting to stack up, but the Wathnan-owned Division will still be one of the favourites for Sunday's Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville, where he'll meet True Love and Wise Approach.

Haggas (*left*) said: "He's great, the plan is to run on Sunday, he'll get the ground he likes and

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Trawl's target

TRAWLERMAN will try to make hay while Scandinavia is away in the Lonsdale Cup.

John Gosden's popular stayer (*above*) was run down by Aidan O'Brien's star in a Gold Cup thriller in June.

And he was well beaten by the same horse at Goodwood last week, though he lost all chance when dramatically hampered by a loose horse.

The eight-year-old will head to the Knavesmire this month for the £250,000 race and Gosden said: "He had an interesting ride around the Sussex Downs. But he seems in good order from the race.

"We would very much be inclined at the moment to be looking at the Lonsdale Cup, a race he's won before. It's a great meeting."

Cal too 'tired'

KNACKERED French superstar Calandagan (*above*) looks set to miss the rest of the European season.

The Francis-Henri Graffard-trained five-year-old finished second to Kalpana when trying to defend his King George crown last month.

Nemone Routh, racing manager to owner Princess Zahra Aga Khan, said the multiple Group 1 winner returned very "tired" from Ascot.

His big goal is to retain the Japan Cup in late November and he will be given a break before heading to Tokyo.

Routh said: "He came back from Ascot very tired.

"If we were to have another good-ground Champion Stakes I wouldn't rule it out. But he may go straight to Japan."

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RACING has been brought forward at Ffos Las next Wednesday — to avoid a blackout caused by the solar eclipse! The BHA has moved the first race forward by two hours to 3.35, with the eclipse expected around 7pm.

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7.45 QUAFFTIDE (nap)
8.20 Not Just Any Eagle (nb)

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4.50 Pints Of Glory
5.25 Handani
6.00 Sparan Nua
6.35 Ethical Diamond
7.10 The Blue Panther
7.45 Jasmine Affanalis
8.20 Miss Gitana

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed galloping track of 1m 6f with a run-in of 3f. ■DRAW: Low best in sprints. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A P O'Brien 95-440, J P O'Brien 52-399, J Harrington 42-319. THIS SEASON: J P O'Brien 9, J Harrington 8, A P O'Brien 8. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): C T Keane 59-349, R L Moore 43-129, S Foley 42-290. THIS SEASON: S Foley 8, D Browne McMonagle 8. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Cordouan (7.10) & God Knows (7.45) trained at Donegal. Round trip of 304 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: A P O'Brien won the 4.50 in 2023 and 2025. J S Bolger won the 6.00 in 2016 and 2022. J P O'Brien won the 5.25 in 2021, 2023, 2024 and 2025, and won the 6.35 in 2019, 2022 and 2025. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.50 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF (C & G) MAIDEN; 2-y-o; value to the winner €13,200; 1m. (9 runners)

1 (9) **ACTIVITY** J Harrington 9-5 **Shane Foley —**
2 (6) 6 **DRUMBEAT 19** A P O'Brien 9-5 **Ryan Moore 97**
3 (2) **EAGLE EYED** D O'Brien 9-5 **Gavin Ryan —**
4 (5) 2 **FRANCILLON 24** G Lyons 9-5 **Colin Keane ●99**
5 (7) **JESUS GREEN** J O'Brien 9-5 **Dylan McMonagle —**
6 (4) 4 **PINTS OF GLORY 22** G Lyons 9-5 **Gary Carroll 92**
7 (8) **RYANO BHINO** H Bromhead 9-5 **Billy Lee —**
8 (1) **SOVEREIGN JAZZ** N Meade 9-5 **Adam Caffrey —**
9 (3) **WALL STREET** A P O'Brien 9-5 **Wayne Lordan —**

BETTING: Evs Francillon, 4 Drumbeat, 11-2 Wall Street, 6 Jesus Green, 13-2 Eagle Eyed, 8 Activity, 20 Ryano Bhino, 25 Pints Of Glory, 33 Sovereign Jazz
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 6
2025: Montreal 9-5 Wayne Lordan 6-4 (A P O'Brien) drawn 9, 9 ran.

5.25 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MAIDEN; value to the winner €9,000; 1m 1f. (15 runners)

1 (12) 5 **TROVAO DOURADO 20** C Murphy 4-10-2 **Patrick McGettigan (5) 83**
2 (1) **AITEALL** J O'Brien 3-9-8 **Joseph Sheridan —**
3 (8) 05 **ASK ME AGAIN 25** J Feane 3-9-8 **Ronan Whelan 88**
4 (13) 2- **HANDANI 299 (P★)** D Weld 3-9-8 **Chris Hayes 97**
5 (3) 33 **HARD PROMISES 26** A Oliver 3-9-8 **Ben Coen ●99**
6 (15) 2-3 **LET'S SMASH IT 25** R Aguiar 3-9-8 **Donagh O'Connor 90**
7 (4) **MAGNUM COR** J O'Brien 3-9-8 **Dylan McMonagle —**
8 (5) 4 **MATTIES POINT 25** W McCreery 3-9-8 **Leigh Roche 86**
9 (7) **MICHINAGA** C Weld 3-9-8 **Rory Mulligan (5) —**
10 (11) **MOTHEL ABBEY** P Flynn 3-9-8 **Alan Persse (5) —**
11 (14) **NEMORINO** H Bromhead 3-9-8 **Billy Lee —**
12 (10) 6 **NOTTOOSHABBY 26** P Flynn 3-9-8 **Robyn Donaghue-Leahy (7) 78**
13 (9) 88 **PARISH TEAM 49** J Bolger 3-9-8 **Declan McDonogh 70**
14 (2) **PLUG IN HYBRID** N Meade 3-9-8 **Colin Keane —**
15 (6) 55 **THE MONDAY CLUB 13** B Duke 3-9-8 **Diego Lima 76**

BETTING: 2 Hard Promises, 9-4 Handani, 4 Magnum Cor, 7 Let's Smash It, 12 Nemorino, 14 Ask Me Again, Aiteall, 33 Matties Point, Parish Team, Plug In Hybrid
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 1 0 1
2025: Cadogan 3-9-8 Dylan McMonagle 7-4 Fav (J P O'Brien) drawn 7, 13 ran.

6.00 BAHRAIN TURF CLUB DESMOND STAKES (GRP 3) (1) winner €42,000; 1m (9 run)

1 000923 **AUDIENCE 18 (D)**
(2) D O'Meara (UK) 7-9-9 **Colin Keane 97**
Runs: 30 Wins: 5 (F,4G) Places: 9 €687,045
Another sound race in Curragh Grp 2 (7f) latest, stays 1m fine, go close

2 264844 **CHICAGO CRITIC 40 (CD)**
(8) J Murtagh 5-9-9 **Ben Coen 94**
Runs: 21 Wins: 3 (2G) Places: 3 €136,684
Respectable efforts last twice, finished third in this last year, respected

3 -82132 **COWARDOFTHECOUNTY 21**
(3) J O'Brien 4-9-9 **Ronan Whelan 95**
Runs: 14 Wins: 3 (2G) Places: 2 €97,517
Better here (Grp 3, 1m1f) latest, one of three Joseph runners here, sniff

4 1-3426 **TOKENOMICS 39 (C,D)**
(9) D Marnane 5-9-9 **Luke McAteer 91**
Runs: 20 Wins: 5 (2A,2G) Places: 5 €77,618
Fair effort C&D (Lstd) before ran flat at Curragh latest, don't write him off

5 202-31 **CELTIC MOTIF 23 (D)**
(7) J O'Brien 4-9-6 **Joseph Sheridan 93**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 6 €150,645
Easily landed odds in Killarney maiden, this step up but progressive sort

6 343-01 **AL HAARITH 26 (D)**
(5) J O'Brien 3-9-2 **Dylan McMonagle 95**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 €18,347
Bloodless Limerick maiden win, one of three for leading yard, go well

7 -45163 **ISAAC NEWTON 21**
(4) A P O'Brien 3-9-2 **Ryan Moore 92**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 1 €99,415
Not beaten far in Grp 1 at two, decent C&D latest, top connections, in hunt

8 1-40 **NEEDLE MATCH 96**
(6) W Haggas (UK) 3-9-2 **Tom Marquand 96**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (S) €11,840
Not seen since bombing out in 2,000 Guineas, better than that, danger

9 1113 **SPARAN NUA 19 (D)**
(1) J Bolger 3-9-2 **Declan McDonogh ●99**
Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (2G) Places: 1 €91,591
Fine third in Irish Oaks, not short of pace and a class act, one to beat

BETTING: 11-4 Sparan Nua, 4 Needle Match, 6 Isaac Newton, Audience, 7 Chicago Critic, 8 Cowardofthecounty, Tokenomics
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 2 4 2
2025: Johan 8-9-9, R Whelan 12-1 (J Channon, drawn 4, 6 ran.

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AUDIENCE (9-10) 7-1 led, headed final 150 yards, no impression on winner, dropped to 3rd close home, 3rd of 7 (btn 2l) to Power Blue (9-3) (Curragh 7f Grp 2 (1) €78,000 good to firm).
CHICAGO CRITIC (9-8) 10-1 towards rear, steady headway 2f out, ridden and made no impression on leaders over 1f out, faded inside final furlong, 4th of 6 (btn 4½l) to Qirat (9-8) (York 7f Grp 3 (1) £56,710 good).
COWARDOFTHECOUNTY (9-9) 14-1 tracked leaders, ridden over 1f out and headway into 2nd 100 yards out, no impression on winner, btn 3¼l by Geryon (9-0) **ISAAC NEWTON** (9-0) 11-2 mid-division, pushed along entering straight, 2nd and ridden 1f out, dropped to 3rd final 100 yards, 3rd (btn 5l) (Leopardstown 1m 1f Grp 3 (1) €42,000 good).
COWARDOFTHECOUNTY (9-9) 9-1 held up in last, improved into 3rd inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 6 (btn 1¾l) to Zodiac Bear (9-9)
TOKENOMICS (9-9) 5-2 tracked leaders, keen early, 4th 1f out, no impression final furlong, last (btn 2¾l) (Curragh 1m Listed (1) €60,000 good).
CELTIC MOTIF (9-4) 1-5 fav made all, 4 lengths lead 1f out, kept on well, readily, bt Taj Crown (9-4) 6l (5 ran) (Killarney 1m mdn €8,100 good).
AL HAARITH (9-8) 1-8 fav tracked leaders, led 2f out, went clear 1f out, easily, bt I Got To Go (9-8) 9l (6 ran) (Limerick 1m mdn €7,200 good).
NEEDLE MATCH (9-2) 18-1 in touch with leaders, ridden 3f out, weakened over 1f out, 13th of 14 (well btn) to Bow Echo (9-2) (Newmarket 1m Grp 1 (1) £297,728 good to firm).
SPARAN NUA (9-2) 8-1 towards rear, going okay when not clear run over 2f out, kept on same pace, 3rd close home, 3rd of 10 (btn 4¾l) to Johanna Walsh (9-2) (Curragh 1½m Grp 1 (1) €289,999 good to firm).

6.35 BALLYROAN STAKES (GROUP 3) (1) value to the winner €42,000; 1m 4f (9 runners)

1 126-70 **ASCENDING 51 (D)**
(6) H Bromhead 7-9-9 **Billy Lee 89**
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (S,F,A,G) Places: 6 €210,947
Strong stayer, yet to hit top gear this year, capable of bouncing back, e-w

2 332547 **DALLAS STAR 47 (C)**
(4) R Aguiar 5-9-9 **Donagh O'Connor 86**
Runs: 22 Wins: 3 (2S,A) Places: 5 €108,843
Close second in Vintage Crop but has lost way of late, others preferred

3 111-59 **ETHICAL DIAMOND 47 (H;D)**
(3) W P Mullins 6-9-9 **Ryan Moore ●99**
Runs: 10 Wins: 4 (2F,G) Places: 3 €2,573,525
Breeders' Cup hero, this easier task than of late, Ryan up, big player

4 41-120 **GAUCHER 51 (D)**
(2) W P Mullins 7-9-9 **Declan McDonogh 87**
Runs: 14 Wins: 4 (S,2A,GS) Places: 4 €109,583
Never sighted in Wolferton but highly capable on his day, place shout

5 164-44 **GREEN IMPACT 74 (C)**
(5) J Harrington 4-9-9 **Shane Foley 94**
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (2G) Places: 1 €174,417
Grp 2 winner as a juvenile, out of depth in Curragh Grp 1 latest, squeak

6 7-1621 **LAYFAYETTE 48 (D)**
(7) N Meade 9-9-9 **Colin Keane 95**
Runs: 50 Wins: 11 (2S,F,2G) Places: 11 €473,503
Won Limerick Lstd latest (soft) and best form is with cut in ground, sniff

7 63-985 **OMNI MAN 48 (D)**
(1) J O'Brien 4-9-9 **Joseph Sheridan 88**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 3 €59,674
Not disgraced at R Ascot latest but still below best of last year, jury's out

8 3127 **ASAKIR 50 (C)**
(8) J Murtagh 3-8-13 **Ben Coen 90**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 Places: 2 €18,934
Unexposed, maiden win here and no disgrace R Ascot last time, in mix

9 8-2312 **ENDORSEMENT 49 (BF,CD)**
(9) J O'Brien 3-8-13 **Dylan McMonagle 96**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (S) Places: 4 €108,645
Fine R Ascot second, since left Aidan for in-form son Joseph, go close

BETTING: 2 Ethical Diamond, 9-4 Endorsement, 5 Green Impact, 6 Layfayette, 12 Asakir, 14 Gaucher, 25 Dallas Star, Omni Man
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 1 1 1
2025: Sons And Lovers 4-9-9, D McMonagle 6-5 Fav (J P O'Brien), drw 2, 6 ran.

7.10 CARNIVAL DE LEOP HANDICAP (0-60); value to the winner €7,200; 7f. (18 runners)

1 (4) 1-03951 **DINAMINE 15 (D)** M Mulvany 8-10-2 **Wesley Joyce (3) ●99**
2 (2) 240-000 **IMPERIAL DREAM 19 (D)** P Flynn 6-10-2 **Alan Persse (5) 88**
3 (1) 6-89413 **PETE'S DREAM 22** A Slattery 4-10-2 **Jimmy Dalton (7) 98**
4 (9) 84123-0 **WELLWHATSHAPPENIN 139 (BF,D)** E & P Harty 4-10-1 **Jamie Powell 84**
5 (20) 5-00492 **THE BLUE PANTHER 12 (D)** R Burns 8-10-0 **Nicola Burns (5) 98**
6 (6) -042657 **BRAINS 12 (B;C)** R Donohoe 10-9-13 **Sam Coen (5) 94**
7 (15) 346039- **GORDON BENNETT 246** P Fahey 8-9-13 **Dylan McMonagle 85**
8 (16) 48-1493 **LAUNCH TIME 36 (V★;C)** C Hughes 4-9-10 **Colin Keane 95**
9 (3) 500-0 **DRESS DANCE 79 (P★,T★)** S Lavery 4-9-9 **Siobhan Rutledge 75**
10 (14) 5620-10 **MICASSO 25** D Kinsella 4-9-9 **Robbie Colgan 91**
11 (8) 3305883 **JAZZIT 13** T McCourt 4-9-7 **Sadhbh Tormey (7) 96**
12 (11) 088-090 **CORDOUAN 21 (D)** P Sweeney 8-9-5 **non-runner 82**
13 (17) 50-0000 **MOGWLI 86 (V)** W McCreery 9-9-4 **Megan Telford-Kelly (7) 79**
14 (18) 9760 **PURE VALOUR 36** J Coogan 4-9-4 **non-runner 80**
15 (5) 08-00U9 **SMAOINEAMH SILE 21 (C)** C Maxwell 8-9-4 **Robert Wheatry 73**
16 (7) 000-000 **CANNONBALL QUEEN 94 (P★)** S Duffy 4-9-3 **Ben Coen 70**
17 (19) 48190-4 **DRAIOCHT 22 (H)** T O'Mara 6-9-0 **Wayne Lordan 95**
18 (12) 8757503 **MASTER GARVEY 12 (B;D)** J Murray 6-8-11 **Terry Casey (7) 94**
19 (13) -232770 **DESERT OF THE SEA 35** T McCourt 5-8-11 **RESERVE 83**
20 (10) 769-700 **SUERTE 3** S Lavery 4-9-13 **RESERVE 81**

BETTING: 3 Launch Time, 7-2 The Blue Panther, 4 Pete's Dream, 7 Jazzit, Draiocht, 10 Master Garvey, 12 Brains, Dinamine
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-0-PU
2025: Altimara 4-10-2 D W O'Connor 13-2 Fav (R O'Sullivan) drawn 3, 18 ran.

7.45 RENAULT IRELAND HANDICAP; value to the winner €9,000; 1m 1f. (22 runners)

1 (25) 60-6905 **TACHOS 21 (CD)** D Weld 5-10-2 **Paddy Harnett (5) 96**
2 (19) 33-9864 **SINBAD MY DAD 21 (CD)** S Fahey 5-9-13 **Joseph Harnett (7) 97**
3 (3) 7135231 **BELLA COLOMBIA 22** W McCreery 5-9-11 **Sam Coen (5) ●99**
4 (1) 70-44 **QUAFFTIDE 48 (T★)** S Lavery 4-9-11 **Robbie Colgan 86**
5 (15) 0-55630 **GUY'S GIRL 30** W McCreery 4-9-9 **Billy Lee 91**
6 (23) 0051560 **MOYASSR 9** P Flynn 5-9-9 **Reese Holohan (7) 88**
7 (21) 83550-6 **PALLATINE HILLS 116** E & P Harty 4-9-9 **Jamie Powell 90**
8 (10) 0-83518 **STAR MIND 83 (CD)** G O'Leary 5-9-9 **Danny O'Leary (10) 94**
9 (8) 53596-4 **TEQUILA 25** R Aguiar 4-9-9 **Donagh O'Connor 88**
10 (12) 18-0200 **OHMALI 43** N Lupini 4-9-7 **Ben Coen 93**
11 (16) 0431256 **COMFORT LINE 21 (V)** A McGuinness 9-9-6 **Cillian Rowan (10) 97**
12 (7) 5-33086 **DARKDESERTHIGHWAY 3 (B)** M O'Callaghan 8-9-6 **Dylan McMonagle 84**
13 (20) 0752002 **JASMINE AFFANALIS 22 (D)** D Marnane 4-9-6 **Luke McAteer 98**
14 (13) 76-0337 **SONIC INVADER 22** N Meade 4-9-6 **Colin Keane 93**
15 (11) 58345 **TANZANITE DIAMOND 19** A McGuinness 3-9-6 **Adam Caffrey 94**
16 (2) 980-000 **ARDEUR 21** P Flynn 4-9-5 **Robyn Donaghue-Leahy (7) 77**
17 (18) 22-0907 **GOD KNOWS 21** P Sweeney 7-9-5 **non-runner 83**
18 (4) 5/111-9 **STEPDANCE J69 (BF)** H Bromhead 6-9-5 **Conor Cusack (7) 91**
19 (22) 990 **LITTLE WING 26** C O'Brien 3-9-4 **Declan McDonogh 78**
20 (5) 000-000 **DANCING STEVE 17 (V;D)** A McGuinness 5-9-2 **Jack Kearney (3) 70**
21 (14) 787 **WERIFESTERIA 26** J Harrington 3-9-2 **Shane Foley 85**
22 (17) 6069-07 **WILD BERRIES 25** R O'Sullivan 3-8-13 **Siobhan Rutledge 75**
23 (9) 750-098 **THE HOLY APOSTLE 33 (H)** B Duke 3-8-7 **RESERVE 84**
24 (6) 6013213 **NIBRAS RAINBOW 17 (B;CD)** P Flynn 6-9-0 **RESERVE 93**
25 (24) 520-229 **CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE J8 (H)** H Rogers 8-8-8 **RESERVE 89**

BETTING: 15-2 Bella Colombia, 8 Sinbad My Dad, 10 Jasmine Affanalis, Comfort Line, 12 Tachos, Tanzanite Diamond, Werifesteria, 16 Sonic Invader, Star Mind
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 6 4-5 2 2
2025: Sinbad My Dad 4-8-13 Joseph Harnett 20-1 (S Fahey) drawn 12, 21 ran.

8.20 FEGENTRI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Q.R.) HANDICAP; value to the winner €12,000; 1m 7f. (10 runners)

1 (8) 3312-05 **CHUTZPAL 29 (B)** H Bromhead 7-12-2 **Mrs S Langhard (5) 91**
2 (3) 79-0703 **NOT JUST ANY EAGLE 29 (C)** P Flynn 7-12-2 **Mr C Murphy (7) ●99**
3 (2) 551-868 **BOXING GREAT 40** K Thornton 6-12-0 **Mr P Cawley (7) 87**
4 (1) 4449 **CATALANI 17** J Foley 7-11-12 **Miss E Gustavsson (5) 92**
5 (9) -990555 **DERRY LAD 21** K Coleman 8-11-5 **Mr K Roussety (7) 88**
6 (4) 6-09803 **MISS GITANA 14 (D)** J Murray 5-11-3 **Miss S Brotherton 97**
7 (5) 85659/7 **PEACE WALK 57** E O'Connell 5-11-3 **Mr J Barry 85**
8 (10) 6640-20 **MAKAIAH 45** G O'Leary 5-11-1 **Mr J Gleeson 90**
9 (7) 860-3 **HE WHO DARES 30** S Curling 5-11-0 **Miss N Lockhead Anderson (7) 97**
10 (6) 050/00- **SUPREME LAW 364** S Harty 7-10-7 **Mr J Chute (7) 70**

BETTING: 7-2 Miss Gitana, 4 He Who Dares, 9-2 Not Just Any Eagle, Chutzpal, 7 Derry Lad, 11 Boxing Great, 12 Makaiah, 16 Catalani
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 2-4 UR
2025: Louiescall 4-11-1 Miss Teagan Padgett 7-1 (D H Kelly) drawn 10, 11 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF

DASHING DICK (2.20 Newmarket) is below his last winning mark and saves his best for HQ. Have an each-way double with FRENCH DUKE (8.26 Southwell), a class act on his day who is running himself back into form.

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TEMPLEGATE
2.20 Stormy Music
2.55 Lord Ragnar
3.30 Fast Performer
4.00 Cerro Blanco
4.33 Percy Shelley
5.08 EDUCATOR (nap)

TOM PEPPER
2.20 Dashing Dick
2.55 Emerald Bay
3.30 Scienza
4.00 Cerro Blanco
4.33 High Fibre
5.08 Educator

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Educator (Newmarket) and Clementines Star (double, Chepstow) with Lord Ragnar (Newmarket).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Drumstick (Sandown) and Ziggy's Condor (Southwell).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: KOALA ROSE (4.33 Newmarket).
THE JUDGE: ENDORSEMENT (6.35 Leopardstown).

■TIC-TAC: July course is an undulating galloping track of 2m. All races upto a mile are on the straight course. ■DRAW: No significant advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): C Appleby 75-207, R Beckett 26-121, A Balding 21-130, W Haggas 20-133. THIS SEASON: C Appleby 8, A Balding 6, James Owen 5. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): B Loughnane 21-102, C Fallon 13-118, S Osborne 12-80, H Crouch 9-47. THIS SEASON: B Loughnane 7, C Fallon 5, H Crouch 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Home Hero (2.20) trained at Malpas. Round trip of 414 miles; Imprerial Sovereign (4.33) trained at Richmond. Round trip of 412 miles. ■JOB JOCKEYS: C Fallon rides Revelio (5.08) for Tom Clover, 6 from 15, 40%; B Loughnane rides Cerro Blanco (4.00) for C Appleby, 33 from 89, 37%; B Loughnane rides Crown And Two (3.30) for Tom Clover, 4 from 15, 27%. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

2.20 KNIGHT FRANK APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Class 5) winner £5,234; 1m (7 runners)

1 788365 **DASHING DICK 19 (C)**
(7) W Stone 8-9-13 **Taryn Langley (3) 89**
Runs: 64 Wins: 5 (2F,2GS,G) Places: 22 £81,406
Likes it here, is below last winning mark, this easier than of late, in hunt

2 -42244 **PANELLI 14 (V★;D)**
(5) S Williams 4-9-13 **Chloe Lyons (7) 87**
Runs: 15 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 5 £24,970
Fine effort back from break but backwards step latest, more is required

3 4-3891 **HOME HERO 8 (V;D)**
(3) H Palmer 3-9-12(6lbex). **Toby Moore (7) ●99**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £7,467
Dogged in victory at Sandown latest, pen offset by good claimer, go well

4 720243 **BORN A REBEL 6 (C,D)**
(1) P Owens 5-9-9 **Arron D'Arcy (7) 98**
Runs: 27 Wins: 3 (F,GS,G) Places: 6 £25,869
Not disgraced last three times (all here), tad high in the hcap, respected

5 86-84 **DECALOGUE 13**
(2) J Osborne 3-9-5 **Conor Whiteley (3) 85**
Runs: 4 £522
Yet to set the world alight, incl. hcap bow at Sandown last time, not today

6 5-5843 **JUST TYPICAL 29 (H;BF,D)**
(6) I Williams 5-9-5 **Ryan Kavanagh 93**
Runs: 36 Wins: 6 (5A,G) Places: 8 £39,231
Back down to last winning mark but looks tricky ride, capable but risky

7 6-863 **STORMY MUSIC 15 (BF)**
(4) A Balding 3-9-4 **Alfie Redman (7) 96**
Runs: 4 Places: 1 £933
No disgrace on hcap bow at Lingers last month, still learning, interesting

BETTING: 11-4 Home Hero, 7-2 Stormy Music, 4 Born A Rebel, 5 Just Typical, 7 Panelli, 8 Dashing Dick, 16 Decalogue
WHERE FAVES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding meeting.

2.55 KNIGHT FRANK SUFFOLK HERITAGE NURSERY (5); 2-y-o; value to the winner £5,234; 1m. (5 runners)

1 (1) 0212 **LORD RAGNAR 24** E Dunlop 9-9 **Billy Loughnane 98**
2 (2) 07611 **EMERALD BAY 23** G Scott 9-2 **Darragh Keenan ●99**
3 (4) 566 **HIGH CALIBRE 23** R Hannon 9-2 **Joe Leavy 91**
4 (3) 081 **PEGGY'S LAD 42** I Jardine 9-2 **Mark Winn 95**
5 (5) 855 **WOODHAY WAYFARER 28** T Ward 9-2 **Saffie Osborne 88**

BETTING: 13-8 Lord Ragnar, 2 Emerald Bay, 9-2 Peggy's Lad, 7 High Calibre, 10 Woodhay Wayfarer

3.30 KNIGHT FRANK WOODBRIDGE EBF NOVICE STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,757; 6f. (7 runners)

1 (7) 2 **FAST PERFORMER 19** W Haggas 9-7 **Cieren Fallon ●99**
2 (6) 6 **HELLO YOU TEN 19** J Osborne 9-7 **Saffie Osborne 89**
3 (1) **KABOOM** R Hannon 9-7 **Joe Leavy —**
4 (3) **SCIENZA** A Balding 9-7 **Alfie Redman (7) —**
5 (5) **CROWN AND TWO** T Clover 9-4 **Billy Loughnane —**
6 (2) **ZEPHYRA** M Botti 9-2 **Jack Gilligan —**
7 (4) **WATER ANGEL** D Cunha 9-1 **Stevie Donohoe —**

BETTING: 9-4 Fast Performer, 7-2 Scienza, 4 Kaboom, 6 Crown And Two, 7 Zephyra, 12 Hello You Ten, 14 Water Angel

4.00 KNIGHT FRANK CAMBRIDGE STAKES (4); winner £5,400;

1 (1) 12 **CERRO BLANCO 97 (D)** C Appleby
2 (4) 4 **WINSTON'S OATH 8** J Owen 4-9-10
3 (2) 54 **NOTHING BUT LOVE 31 (H)** J Scarg
4 (3) **TACTICALIST** J Owen 3-8-13

BETTING: 1-8 Cerro Blanco, 8 Nothing But Love, 1

1 2

4.33 KNIGHT FRANK EASTE HANDICAP (4) winner

1 20-154 **MINHAD 34 (**
(4) I Mohammed & J Sant
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (F,G)
Better Sandown (1m6f) latest, shaping

2 222-46 **PERCY SHEL**
(5) J Owen 7-10-1
Runs: 31 Wins: 3 (GS)
Capable but often flatters to deceive,

3 7806/3 **HIGH FIBRE J**
(1) J Owen 7-9-12
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (G)
Landed gamble over hurdles latest, la

4 437642 **IMPERIAL SO**
(2) P Kirby 5-9-9
Runs: 22 Wins: 1 (A)
Stuck to task well for second at Ches

5 3-322 **KOALA ROSE**
(3) R Beckett 3-8-13
Runs: 4
Knocking on door all starts, incl. hcap b

BETTING: 9-4 High Fibre, 3 Koala Rose Minhad, 5 Percy Shelley

Sunracing F

MINHAD (10-1) 5-2 fav handy, ridden 3f out, lost position 2f out, kept on final furlong, never a threat late, 4th of 8 (btn 2½l) to Marnier (10-1) (Sandown 1¾m hcap (4) £6,281 good).
PERCY SHELLEY (9-8) 16-5 ridden and headway 2f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 6th of 9 (btn 4l) to Squire Danagher (9-8) (Sandown 1¾m hcap (4) £6,281 good).
HIGH FIBRE (10-0) 11-1 midfield, pushed along over 3f out, ridden over 1f out, kept on inside final furlon 6l) to hcap
IMPER prom out, k 1¾l (Ches
KOALA out, kept Sky hcap

5.08 KNIGHT FRANK HAND the winner £5,234; 1m

1 370231 **EDUCATOR 9**
(4) H Knight 7-9-13(4lb
Runs: 39 Wins: 5 (3F,A,G)
Battling but ultimately emphatic win at

2 35-242 **KING'S CAST**
(5) D Simcock 9-9-8
Runs: 34 Wins: 4 (2GS,2G)
Consistent, went down fighting Sandown

3 3-6713 **DIDAAR 19**
(3) G Arnolda 5-9-7
Runs: 19 Wins: 1 (F)
Nottm winner, found out in deeper race

4 /030-3 **SEEKING CH**
(1) M Usher 5-9-6
Runs: 8
Not disgraced Windsor latest, but pre

5 6-9025 **REVELIO 19**
(6) T Clover 4-9-4
Runs: 5
Fine hcap bow at Lingers, failed to back

6 354-35 **MAITH MAR**
(2) J Berry 4-8-13
Runs: 5
Signs of ability at two but last both hcap

BETTING: 10-11 Educator, 3 King's Ca Charles, 10 Revelio, 20 Maith Mar Or

TONIGHT'S CHEPSTOW CARD GOOD

TEMPLEGATE
5.20 Oasis Sunrise
5.55 Downonmainstreet
6.30 Rogue Bullet
7.05 Auburn Avenue
7.40 Clementines Star (nb)
8.15 Hallandale Beach

TOM PEPPER
5.20 Curran
5.55 Downonmainstreet
6.30 Over Spiced
7.05 Auburn Avenue
7.40 Jackabi
8.15 Hallandale Beach

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, undulating, oval track of 2m, which joins the straight course 5f from home. All races up to a mile run on the straight course. ■DRAW: High numbers have a slight advantage in races up to a mile. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): P Evans 18-111, A Watson 17-67, G Harris 16-185. THIS SEASON: G Harris 4, P Evans 3, J & R Flint 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): G Mangan 28-164, Taylor Fisher 11-61, R Dawson 9-43. THIS SEASON: G Mangan 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Calef (5.55). Round trip of 470 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

5.20 HANDICAP (Class 5); winner £4,187; 1m 4f. (7 runners)

1 (7) 8442 **DOUBLE RED 12** H Candy 5-10-2 **R Hornby**
2 (5) 1651 **CURRAN 16** B Millman 5-10-1 **C Tucker (7)**
3 (4) 447- **POLEMON J64 (V★;D)** T Vaughan 7-9-13. **W Carver**
4 (6) 1433 **OASIS SUNRISE 12 (CD)** G Harris 4-9-13 **R Dawson**
5 (1) 9114 **ARAVALLI 14 (CD)** J Tickle 3-9-3 **T Fisher**
6 (2) -834 **VIRTUE DILIGENCE 12** A Perrett 3-9-3 **H Davies**
7 (3) 8836 **COSMO BROWN 56 (H)** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-1 **L Edmunds**
Double Red ●99, Oasis Sunrise 98, Curran 97.
11-8 Curran, 11-4 Double Red, 13-2 Virtue Diligence, Oasis Sunrise, 15-2 Aravalli, 33 Cosmo Brown, Polemon

5.55 FILLIES NOVICE STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 5f. (4 runners)

1 (4) 4344 **CALEF 11 (BF)** D O'Meara 9-2 **R Dawson**
2 (3) 73 **DOWNONMAINSTREET 13** M Bell 9-2 **D Egan**
3 (1) **MARZAD** B Millman 9-2 **L Edmunds**
4 (2) **ROGUE DAKOTA** A Watson 9-2 **H Davies**
Downonmainstreet ●99, Calef 96.
4-6 Downonmainstreet, 9-4 Rogue Dakota, 7 Calef, 14 Marzad

6.30 HANDICAP (4); winner £5,339; 5f. (7 runners)

1 (7) 5143 **ROGUE BULLET 20 (BF,D)** J Owen 4-10-0 **H Davies**
2 (6) -127 **SOLAR EDGE 31 (CD)** C Mason 4-9-13 **G Mangan**
3 (1) 4252 **MOE'S LEGACY 10 (V;D)** R Harris 5-9-11 **D Egan**
4 (4) 0157 **ALKUWARRIOR 10 (D)** C Mason 3-9-7 **R Dawes (5)**
5 (2) 4332 **OVER SPICED 12 (CD)** G Harris 4-9-6 **R Dawson**
6 (3) 2221 **LEVEL UP 13 (B;CD)** P Evans 7-9-3 **Miss A Tucker (7)**
7 (5) -232 **CONTROL ROOM 19 (D)** G Harris 3-9-2 **S Cronin (5)**
Level Up ●99, Over Spiced 98, Moe's Legacy 97.
3 Rogue Bullet, 10-3 Over Spiced, 4 Moe's Legacy, Control Room, 8 Level Up, 12 Solar Edge, Alkuwarrior

7.05 HANDICAP (4); winner £5,339; 1m. (7 runners)

1 (3) 8276 **TALIS EVOLVERE 19 (D)** R Hannon 6-10-2 **S Cronin (5)**
2 (4) 3004 **SERENITY BLUE 34** J Horton 4-10-1 **L Edmunds**
3 (7) 9-76 **REVELANCE 26** R Beckett 4-10-1 **E Greatrex**
4 (6) 5610 **NAKAAHA 28 (H;D)** G Harris 4-9-11 **D Egan**
5 (5) -871 **AUBURN AVENUE 13 (C)** J & R Flint 5-9-2 **M Wonnacott (5)**
6 (1) 4721 **SPIRIT OF THE BA**
7 (2) 3426 **WINDBREAKER**
Auburn Avenue ●99, Spirit
11-4 Serenity Blue, 4 Talis Evolv 7 Spirit Of The Bay, 9 Auburn A

7.40 HANDICAP (£4,187; 7f.

1 (2) -076 **SYDNEY ROCK 8**
2 (4) -321 **CLEMENTINES ST**
3 (5) -051 **JACKABI 40 (CD**
4 (7) 1335 **ESPONA BAY 12**
5 (3) 2527 **SUP OF RED 98**
6 (1) 5038 **GRAND VISTA 16**
7 (6) 3568 **FULLSTOP 16 (H**
Grand Vista ●99, Jacka
11-8 Clementines Star, 7-2 Jack Sup Of Red, 20 Fullstop, 25 Syd

8.15 HANDICAP (£4,187; 6f.

1 (2) 5331 **HALLANDALE BE**
2 (4) 7494 **PULL THE RUG**
3 (3) 3265 **EIGHTTHREEONE**
4 (1) 2771 **RED SNAPPER 1**
Red Snapper ●99, Pull The
10-11 Hallandale Beach, 11-4 Re

Sun

HALLANDALE BEACH (9-9 led over 1f out, clear final f 3¾l (6 ran) (Chepstow 6f h
PULL THE RUG (9-7) 9-2 cha on same pace inside fina Madman (8-8) (Windsor 6f
EIGHTTHREEONE (9-5) 14- faded inside final furlong (10-2) (Newbury 6f hcap (5
RED SNAPPER (8-8) 16-1 mi led towards finish, won go (9-1) 1l (10 ran) (Salisbury 6f

S, FORM AND TIPS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!

FIRM

CONNECTIONS NOVICE
7f. (4 runners)

3-9-11 ..... Billy Loughnane ●99
..... Mason Paetel (5) 86
ill 4-9-5 ..... George Wood 87
..... Cieren Fallon —
4 Tacticalist, 66 Winston's Oath

RN COUNTIES
£6,542; 2m (5 run)

P★;BF)
os 4-10-2 **Kyle McHugh (7) 94**
Places: 1 £35,280
g as if 2m would suit, go well

LLEY J19
. . . . . **George Wood 92**
Places: 11 £111,626
nudged down in weights, squeak

J19 (V)
. . . . . **Cieren Fallon 97**
Places: 3 £14,783
ast Flat win came Oct '21, claims

OVEREIGN 26
. . . . **Billy Loughnane 98**
Places: 4 £31,249
ter, on career-low mark, danger

E 20
. . . . . **Hector Crouch ●99**
Places: 2 £18,577
ow at Newb, first go at 2m, fancied
e, 4 Imperial Sovereign, 9-2

FORM

ng, took third post, 3rd of 10 (btn
Green Sky (9-0) (York 1m, app
(4) £12,885 good to firm).
IAL SOVEREIGN (9-7) 10-3
inent, led after 5f, ridden 2f
ept on but held by winner, btn
by Vaguely Royal (9-1) (6 ran)
ster 1m hcap (4) £7,731 good).
ROSE (9-5) 7-4 led, ridden 3f
headed 2f out, soon outpaced,
on final furlong, btn 4l by Green
9-13) (3 ran) (Newbury 1m 5f
(4) £10,308 good to firm).

ICAP (5) value to
m 4f (6 runners)

9 (B;D)
pex) **Billy Loughnane ●99**
Places: 8 £72,470
Yarm (1m6f), 4lb pen fine, go close

TLE 13
. . . **Taryn Langley (5) 97**
Places: 5 £32,011
latest, goes well for this pilot, claims

. . . . . **Toby Moore (7) 94**
Places: 2 £11,427
there latest off new mark, vulnerable

ARLES 52
. . . . . **Tyler Heard 94**
Places: 2 £5,058
eference for soft a concern, sniff

. . . . . **Cieren Fallon 91**
Places: 1 £2,074
it up behind Didaar latest, jury's out

OR 14
. . . . **Darragh Keenan 89**
£3,259
outings this term, others preferred
astle, 5 Didaar, 7 Seeking

TO FIRM

AY 13 (CD) J & R Flint 8-9-2 **T Fisher**
28 (BF) W Haggas 3-9-0. **H Davies**
Of The Bay 98, Serenity Blue 97.
ere, 5 Revelance, 11-2 Windbreaker,
venue, 10 Nakaaha

5); 3-y-o; winner
(7 runners)
3 O Cole 9-9 ..... **E Greatrex**
AR 21 (D) D & C Kubler 9-8 **W Carver**
M Rimell 9-6 ..... **R Hornby**
(BF,D) S Dixon 9-4 **C Howarth (3)**
A Wintle 9-1 ..... **D Egan**
W Muir & C Grassick 8-9 **L Edmunds**
G Harris 8-8 ..... **R Dawson**
bi 98, Clementines Star 97.
abi, 9-2 Espona Bay, 8 Grand Vista,
dney Rock

5); 3-y-o; winner
(4 runners)
EACH 40 (CD) K De Foy 9-9 **D Egan**
10 (D) G Harris 9-6 ..... **R Dawson**
E 14 (D) E J-Houghton 9-5 **R Hornby**
2 (B;D) K Turner 9-3. **C Tucker (7)**
e Rug 98, Hallandale Beach 97.
d Snapper, 11-2 Pull The Rug

FORM

9) 10-3 held up behind leaders,
urlong, easily, bt Pimentel (8-12)
ncap (6) £3,768 good to firm).
ased leaders, ridden 1f out, kept
al furlong, 4th of 6 (btn 2¼l) to
hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
-1 close up, ridden over 1f out,
, 5th of 8 (btn 3l) to Waistcoat
) £5,757 good to firm).
idfield, ran on well final furlong,
oing away, bt Thunderous Love
hcap (5) £4,580 good to firm).

BRIGHTON

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
2.38 ..... River Wharfe	2.38 ..... Valadero
3.13 ..... Regalism	3.13 ..... The Monkey King
3.50 ..... Kondratiev Wave	3.50 ..... Kondratiev Wave
4.25 ..... Brave Hunter	4.25 ..... Sarangpur
4.55 ..... Gearing's Point	4.55 ..... Gearing's Point
5.30 ..... North View	5.30 ..... Serenity Dream

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed horseshoe-shaped course of 1m 4f, undulating and sharp, 3 1/2f run-in. ■DRAW: In sprint races low numbers tend to have an advantage over five furlongs, high best over six furlongs. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 69-567, G & J Moore 36-192, E J-Houghton 19-86, J Boyle 18-141. THIS SEASON: G & J Moore 7, A Carroll 5, M Wigham 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): T P Queally 22-96, Jack Doughty 20-134, W Carson 19-182, C Bishop 11-88. THIS SEASON: T P Queally 4, D J Murphy 2, F Marsh 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: State Of Madness (5.30) trained at Kidderminster. Round trip of 356 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

2.38 JENNINGSBET IN BEXHILL ON SEA APPRENTICE CLASSIFIED STAKES (CI6); winner £4,187; 7f. (8 run)

1 (1) 67-9846 **APPLE'S ANGEL 30 (H)** J Boyle 4-9-9 ..... **Owen Lewis (5) 91**
2 (8) -871448 **BARNSNAPE BOY 15 (CD)** J Boyle 5-9-9 ..... **Donagh Murphy (5) 90**
3 (3) 5796185 **PORT HEDLAND 23 (H;BF,C)** A Carroll 5-9-9 ..... **Matthew Slater (5) ●99**
4 (2) 8606851 **RIVER WHARFE 1 (CD)** A Carroll 8-9-13 ..... **Molly Gunn (5) 92**
5 (5) -988066 **ROCK MASTER 1** A Carroll 4-9-9 ..... **Myla Coppins (5) 76**
6 (7) 7052286 **SPIRITED DANCER 6** D & C Kubler 4-9-9 ..... **Warren Fentiman 96**
7 (6) 506-783 **VALADERO 41 (B;BF)** B Toomey 5-9-9 ..... **Liam Wright 97**
8 (4) 549-704 **VOODOO RAY 49 (B;CD)** G & J Moore 7-9-9 ..... **Jude Fernandes (7) 79**

BETTING: 5-2 River Wharfe, 3 Valadero, 4 Spirited Dancer, 5 Port Hedland
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.13 JENNINGSBET LADIES DAY RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 7f. (5 runners)

1 (3) 0 **DEMONSTRATE 9** O Cole 9-7 ..... **Kaiya Fraser —**
2 (5) 56 **FOSCARINI 36** E J-Houghton 9-7 ..... **Charles Bishop 91**
3 (1) 5 **REGALISM 19** W Haggas 9-7 ..... **Harry Burns (3) 94**
4 (4) **CINQ COINS** R Teal 9-4 ..... **William Carson —**
5 (2) 63 **THE MONKEY KING 19** R Beckett 9-4 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck ●99**

BETTING: 6-5 The Monkey King, 5-2 Regalism, 4 Foscarini, 15-2 Cinq Coins
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.50 JENNINGSBET IN HASTINGS HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £4,187; 1m. (6 runners)

1 (2) 3142-66 **DANDY G BOY 23** W Greatrex 4-9-9 ..... **Charles Bishop 89**
2 (4) 5902543 **BOUBYAN 14 (D)** M Appleby 4-9-8 ..... **Kaiya Fraser ●99**
3 (3) -25614 **GONE ROGUE 14 (CD)** G & J Moore 5-9-8 ..... **Tom Queally 97**
4 (6) 21-43323 **DANEHILL STAR 17 (D)** A Carroll 5-9-5 ..... **William Carson 98**
5 (5) 1422462 **KONDRATIEV WAVE 17 (CD)** A Carroll 9-9-0 ..... **Jack Doughty 97**
6 (1) 5-14837 **WINEMAKER 31 (H)** R Hughes 6-8-13 ..... **Finley Marsh 85**

BETTING: 5-2 Kondratiev Wave, 4 Gone Rogue, Danehill Star, Boubyan, 8 Dandy G Boy, 11 Winemaker
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

4.25 JENNINGSBET CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (4) winner £10,468; 1m 4f (6 runners)

1 6152-1 **NIBRAS GOLD 26 (D)**
(6) J Owen 8-10-1 ..... **Pat Dobbs 97**
Runs: 16 Wins: 5 (F,2A,2G) Places: 4 £31,509
Fine time jumping, back with bang on Flat at Chester last month, threat

2 8/4027 **MAASAI MARA 55 (B)**
(3) J O'Shea 6-10-0 ..... **William Carson 88**
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (S,A) Places: 2 £33,543
Infrequent winner, but Brighton second two starts back gives him squeak

3 341121 **SARANGPUR 14 (CD)**
(1) R Hughes 4-9-13 ..... **Finley Marsh ●99**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 2 £16,478
In great heart, won at Newb latest a shade cosily, up 4lb but one to beat

4 -62725 **BRAVE HUNTER 28 (V★)**
(5) I Mohammed & J Santos 3-9-9 **Benoit Sayette 93**
Runs: 7 Places: 2 £9,956
Has a race in him, possibly tad too high in hcap, visor tried, in the hunt

5 044911 **BOHEMIAN BREEZE 37 (C,D)**
(4) G & J Moore 6-9-3 **Warren Fentiman (3) 96**
Runs: 43 Wins: 6 (2F,2A,2G) Places: 9 £55,240
Loves it here, hat-trick bid (both wins over 1m2f) off 4lb higher, danger

6 -47623 **TAI HANG PEGASUS 19**
(2) C Fellowes 3-9-1 ..... **Paddy Bradley 91**
Runs: 8 Places: 2 £6,636
Not disgraced last twice, step up in trip likely in due course, thereabouts

BETTING: 2 Sarangpur, 7-2 Nibras Gold, Bohemian Breeze, 13-2 Brave Hunter, 8 Tai Hang Pegasus, Maasai Mara
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 5-7 7 1
2025: Manara 3-9-7, D Egan 11-4 Fav (K P De Foy), drw 6, 7 ran.

4.55 JENNINGSBET TOP STAFF CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); value to the winner £4,187; 1m 4f. (6 runners)

1 (2) 8870574 **ALEX THE GREAT 12 (B)** A Carroll 6-9-9 ..... **Myla Coppins (5) 76**
2 (1) 0-99265 **DOGGED 12 (B)** A Carroll 9-9-9 ..... **William Carson 96**
3 (5) 27-8773 **FOINIX 45 (B;CD)** J & S Best 6-9-9 ..... **Finley Marsh 95**
4 (3) 3525814 **GEARING'S POINT 36 (CD)** S West 8-9-9 ..... **George Bass ●99**
5 (6) 70-4558 **DREAM OF ITHACA 59** J Gallagher 3-8-13 ..... **Liam Wright (5) 92**
6 (4) 23-6506 **LADY LAUREN 40** E De Giles 3-8-13 ..... **Owen Lewis (5) 83**

BETTING: 5-4 Gearing's Point, 7-2 Foinix, 5 Dream Of Ithaca, Dogged
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 6 2-3-9 4
2025: Silk And Steel 3-8-13 David Egan 6-1 (G & J Moore) drawn 1, 7 ran.

5.30 JENNINGSBET IN BRIGHTON HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £5,234; 7f. (7 runners)

1 (7) 5-43761 **SILVER TRUMPET 28 (D)** E J-Houghton 5-9-9 ..... **Charles Bishop 97**
2 (2) 7407602 **NORTH VIEW 14 (V;D)** S Williams 5-9-9 ..... **Olivia Haines (7) 92**
3 (3) 1131138 **DION BAKER 6 (CD)** M Wigham 7-9-7 ..... **William Carson 97**
4 (6) 6385621 **SERENITY DREAM 21 (D)** A Carroll 5-9-4 ..... **Jack Doughty 95**
5 (5) 6574676 **DONTSPOILASALE 17** J & S Best 6-9-2 ..... **Finley Marsh 85**
6 (4) 2593452 **STATE OF MADNESS 45 (C)** M Loughnane 5-9-2 ..... **Paddy Bradley 94**
7 (1) 3758R15 **JUST JUMP 35 (BF)** A Carroll 4-8-10 ..... **Myla Coppins (5) ●99**

BETTING: 3 Silver Trumpet, 7-2 Serenity Dream, 9-2 Dion Baker, 5 Just Jump
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

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the trip should be ideal. He deserves a Group 1, it's been frustrating as he has had no luck at all season-long.

"I thought he ran really well in the July Cup, but even then the first three home were all drawn on the other side of the track. He did well to finish where he did. Hopefully he gets a nice draw at the weekend."

The trainer added no decision had been made around Maltese Cross's next race and wouldn't be until next week.

He holds an entry in the Voltigeur at York, but Haggas is unsure yet whether his aim will be the St Leger or Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

RACING RESULTS

BRIGHTON

2.30: 1 CAPE TORONADA W Carson (11-8 fav); **2 Beach Partee** (13-2); **3 Havana Jag** (10-3). 5 ran. ¾l; 1¾l. A Carroll. T: £2.38; £1.30, £3. Ex: £8.60. Trifecta: £22.40. CF: £10.85.

3.00: 1 RIVER WHARFE Molly Gunn (2-1 fav); **2 Rovinia** (11-4); **3 Rainbow Sign** (11-1). 9 ran. shd; 1¾l. A Carroll. T: £3; £1.20, £1.40, £2.40. Ex: £7.10. Trifecta: £48.90. CF: £7.57.

3.30: 1 SEA SUITE C Fallon (3-1); **2 Tex** (3-1); **3 Northern Empire** (17-2). 9 ran (Silca Bay 11-4 fav). nk; 1¾l. James Owen. T: £4; £1.40, £1.40, £3.40. Ex: £14.70. Tricast: £69.52. Trifecta: £70.20. CF: £12.91.

4.00: 1 PORT DARWIN R Hornby (6-1); **2 It's Life** (9-2); **3 Buckland Belle** (11-10 fav). 6 ran. shd; 2l. C Johnston. T: £7; £2.60, £2.10. Ex: £31.80. Trifecta: £74.80. CF: £31.93.

4.30: 1 VIKING GLORY C Fallon (5-1); **2 Redredrobin** (20-1); **3 The Organiser** (13-2). 9 ran (Havana Mojito 10-11 fav). 2¼l; 5l. James Owen. T: £6; £1.50, £4, £1.90. Ex: £87.80. Tricast: £667.14. Trifecta: £665.40. CF: £99.56.

5.00: 1 SECRET HANDSHEIKH C Fallon (11-4); **2 Kento** (4-1); **3 Titus Thor** (11-2). 6 ran (Faustus 85-40 fav). 3¾l; nk. J Gallagher. T: £3.75; £1.60, £2.20. Ex: £9.90. Trifecta: £70.60. CF: £14.45. NR: Starsong.

PLACEPOT: £94.20
QUADPOT: £27.50

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5.20: 1 INVINCIBLE ISAAC Rossa Ryan (9-1); **2 Nascent Star** (7-2); **3 Kochella** (14-1). 10 ran (Crowned 2-1 fav). ¾l; 1l. Lemos Souza. T: £10.90; £2.10, £1.50, £3.90. Ex: £59.10. Tricast: £454.84. Trifecta: £385.60. CF: £40.50. NR: Secret Rival, Trust Yourself.

5.50: 1 OFF THE PEG F Marsh (6-5 fav); **2 Chymbulak** (3-1); **3 Greenlander** (80-1). 8 ran. 5¼l; ns. R Hughes. T: £2.20; £10.90, £1.20, £1.10. Ex: £5.10. Trifecta: £170.40. CF: £5.07. NR: There Goes My Hero.

6.20: 1 CLIVE THE WRITER S De Sousa (15-8 fav); **2 Ghost Raider** (11-2); **3 Gold Army** (14-1). 8 ran. 1l; 1¼l. W Muir & C Grassick. T: £2.88; £1.20, £1.80, £3.70. Ex: £14.70. Trifecta: £122.20. CF: £13.20. NR: Fulcrum.

6.50: 1 NAJIDI STORM C T Keane (17-2); **2 Gavriel** (5-2 fav); **3 Kaindy** (4-1). 13 ran. 1½l; 2¼l. Harry Charlton. T: £10.90; £3.20, £1.30, £2. Ex: £40. Trifecta: £173.80. CF: £31.45. NR: Talking Bear.

7.20: 1 FORTITUDINE James Doyle (7-2); **2 Dialstone** (5-6 fav); **3 Treble Bass** (6-1). 12 ran. 21l; 1¼l. C Appleby. T: £4.50; £1.60, £1.10, £2. Ex: £8.40. Trifecta: £25.50. CF: £7.02.

7.50: 1 SHADOW ROAD David Egan (25-1); **2 Cloud Forest** (10-11 fav); **3 Dove Tale** (11-1). 10 ran. 5¼l; 2l. J Butler. T: £35.70; £6.30, £1.10, £3.30. Ex: £88.40. Trifecta: £797.20. CF: £48.96. NR: Angel Breeze.

8.20: 1 VICTORY ACE MP Sheehy (4-1 co fav); **2 Blakefell** (4-1 co fav); **3 Angel Gabriel** (4-1 co fav). 8 ran (Jumeirah Sands 4-1 co fav). shd; 3l. J Butler. T: £5; £1.90, £1.80, £1.50. Ex: £25.80. Tricast: £67.52. Trifecta: £112.50. CF: £20.10.

8.50: 1 CAPTAIN ROBERT G Wood (7-2); **2 Desert Belle** (5-4 fav); **3 Roland Garros** (28-1). 8 ran. 1l; 2¼l. J Fanshawe. T: £4.50; £1.20, £1.20, £5. Ex: £9.60. Tricast: £99.28. Trifecta: £114.10. CF: £8.21.

PLACEPOT: £20.50
QUADPOT: £3.60

PONTEFRACT

2.45: 1 STAR START Miss C Parker (11-4 fav); **2 Sunny Orange** (3-1); **3 Quirke On Parole** (10-1). 7 ran. 1¼l; 2¾l. R Carr. T: £3.75; £1.80, £1.80. Ex: £10.50. Trifecta: £59.20. CF: £11.45.

3.15: 1 BUGZY D Tudhope (15-2); **2 Lady Henshaw** (4-1); **3 Our Son Oscar** (5-1). 8 ran (Rock Steady Beat 8-11 fav). 1¼l; 1l. Tom Clover. T: £8.50; £2.10, £1.30, £1.50. Ex: £49.40. Trifecta: £185.20. CF: £38.53.

3.45: 1 SPIRIT GENIE J Hart (9-4); **2 Alessia Fernanda** (10-1); **3 Garden Oasis** (11-10 fav). 6 ran. 2¾l; 1l. J Candlish. T: £3.25; £1.60, £3.30. Ex: £18.40. Trifecta: £32.30. CF: £23.76.

4.15: 1 GREAT Shane Gray (5-2 fav); **2 Spirit Of Applause** (11-4); **3 Missmimi** (18-1). 9 ran. ¾l; nk. S England. T: £3.50; £1.30, £1.30, £4.10. Ex: £10.30. Tricast: £99.16. Trifecta: £111.60. CF: £9.59. NR: Sea Her Excel.

4.45: 1 ALFA WHITEBURD J Hart (9-4 fav); **2 Aberama Gold** (10-1); **3 Mae Amor** (11-1). 8 ran. 1¾l; 1l. I Furtado. T: £3.25; £1.30, £2.90, £2.50. Ex: £20.70. Tricast: £208.01. Trifecta: £183.20. CF: £26.95. NR: Willolarupi.

5.15: 1 DIVISION DAY C Beasley (1-2 fav); **2 Anzac Day** (9-2); **3 Something** (4-1). 3 ran. 4l; 42l. B Ellison. T: £1.50; Ex: £3. Trifecta: £2.70. CF: £2.83.

JACKPOT: £2,442.60
PLACEPOT: £122.20
QUADPOT: £19.70

YARMOUTH

5.40: 1 LUMINOUS WARRIOR Mr F Yarham (7-2 co fav); **2 So Grateful** (7-2 co fav); **3 Indy's Angel** (4-1). 7 ran (Shades Of May 7-2 co fav). hd; 1¼l. D Cunha. T: £4.50; £2.10, £2.40. Ex: £13.90. Trifecta: £60.10. CF: £16.45.

6.10: 1 SPEED OF SOUND S Osborne (5-6 fav); **2 Pensando A Te** (13-2); **3 Minkaas** (7-2). 10 ran. hd; ½l. R Spencer. T: £1.84; £1.10, £1.50, £1.50. Ex: £7.90. Trifecta: £29.80. CF: £8.35.

6.40: 1 BEAUTY BOX H Crouch (17-2); **2 Dowman** (2-1 fav); **3 Dubai Charm** (11-4). 5 ran. 1l; hd. J Tate. T: £9.50; £3.70, £1.40. Ex: £33. Trifecta: £88.40. CF: £25.85.

7.10: 1 TIME THIEF N Callan (9-4); **2 Liberate** (8-13 fav); **3 Angel Breeze** (28-1). 5 ran. ½l; 11l. Tom Clover. T: £3.25; £1.10, £1.30. Ex: £3.40. Trifecta: £18.50. CF: £4.06.

7.40: 1 URBAN WARRIOR M Ghiani (9-4); **2 Le Rouge Chinois** (9-2); **3 Highland Harvey** (6-4 fav). 7 ran. 2l; shd. S C Williams. T: £3.30; £1.70, £2.20. Ex: £14. Trifecta: £39.40. CF: £12.21.

8.10: 1 PURE PASSION C R Lyons (7-2); **2 Shining Guest** (12-1); **3 Mayflower Rock** (7-1). 6 ran (Banana 13-8 fav). ¾l; nk. S C Williams. T: £4.50; £2, £4.40. Ex: £43.40. Trifecta: £125. CF: £41.64. NR: Cabeza De Llave, She Went Whoosh.

PLACEPOT: £47.80
QUADPOT: £22.50

SLIGO

5.30: 1 TAJ CROWN W J Lee (6-1); **2 Glittering Gem** (12-1); **3 Dark Summit** (7-1). 14 ran (Shemiyka 3-1 fav). nk; 2¼l. K J Condon. T: £7.20; €3.80, €2.50, €2.50. Ex: €49.50. Trifecta: €439.40. CF: €79.51. NR: Money Shuffler, Mullacurry Maid.

6.00: 1 THATWILLDOSO R P Cleary (13-8 fav); **2 Chica Guerrera** (11-4); **3 Alice Monet** (9-1). 5 ran. hd; 1¼l. Kevin Coleman. T: €2.63; €1.30, €1.50. Ex: €6.40. Trifecta: €27.20. CF: €6.47. NR: Eastern Peace.

6.30: 1 LADY PATRONA K G Kennedy (evens fav); **2 Emotional Hedging** (11-1); **3 The Green Helmet** (5-1). 11 ran. 1l; 1¼l. J Harrington. T: €2; €3.10, €1.70, €1.10. Ex: €13.50. Trifecta: €52.90. CF: €14.55. NR: Lucy's Promise, Roeillaun.

7.00: 1 HI CORBETT COURT W J Lee (10-11 fav); **2 Mr Montauk** (7-2); **3 Littlepacer** (25-1). 12 ran. 3¼l; 1¼l. P Twomey. T: €1.91; €1.10, €1.30, €5.70. Ex: €5.10. Tricast: €55.57. Trifecta: €70.10. CF: €4.30. NR: Ballymackney.

7.30: 1 SAND ART J Pietropaolo (10-1); **2 Apothic Red** (5-1); **3 She's On The Ball** (11-2). 12 ran (Dubai Opulence 4-1 jtfav, Glen Breeze 4-1 jtfav). ½l; 1l. Kevin Coleman. T: €12.90; €3.40, €1.90, €2.10. Ex: €102.90. Tricast: €259.80. Trifecta: €381.60. CF: €61.80. NR: Beau Army, Quinn's Charm.

8.00: 1 CANON LAW R P Cleary (5-2); **2 Cascade Canyon** (11-1); **3 Ellens Bay** (50-1). 10 ran (Private Larry 2-1 fav). 8l; 1¼l. B Duke. T: €3.50; €5.40, €1.30, €2.90. Ex: €32.50. Tricast: €1117.91. Trifecta: €453.60. CF: €31.30. NR: Chicago Moon.

8.30: 1 ANIGHTAWAY J S Dalton (11-1); **2 Eastern Wind** (12-1); **3 Maxwell Smart** (18-1). 14 ran (Without Love 3-1 fav). 1¼l; nk. Sean Davis. T: €20.30; €5.60, €3.60, €2.70. Ex: €310.90. Tricast: €2398.43. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €143.60. NR: Autocrat, Kings Gesture, Preparations.

PLACEPOT: €54.70

TEMPLEGATE
RACING'S NO1 TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

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EDUCATOR can teach the bookies a lesson (5.08 Newmarket, nap)

Henrietta Knight's seven-year-old has rediscovered his mojo since having blinkers put back on.

He bolted up in an admittedly weak race at Yarmouth last time out, but he has been found another good opening here and is still well-handicapped.

The booking of championship leader Billy Loughnane only boosts his chances.

CLEMENTINES STAR (7.40 Chepstow, nb) has never finished out of the frame in five starts and deservedly opened her account at Thirsk. She makes her handicap debut off a tempting mark and her stable is in great nick.

LORD RAGNAR (2.55 Newmarket, treble) has improved with each start and was only just caught on the line in a messy race last time. He's bred to relish to step up to a mile.

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP	★ TEMPLEGATE NB	★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
EDUCATOR	**CLEMENTINES STAR**	**LORD RAGNAR**
5.08 Newmarket	7.40 Chepstow	2.55 Newmarket
Bolted up last time at Yarmouth, is well handicapped and has Billy in saddle.	Opened account at Thirsk and starts handicap life on a tempting mark.	Has improved with each start and is bred to relish step up to a mile.

PROBETS

EYECATCHER: INTERSTATE (6.48 Sandown) looked a winner in waiting when second at Doncaster.
SUPER SPEED: DESERT SHADOW (7.23 Sandown) clocked a good time when scoring at Lingfield on his last start.
GAMBLED ON: HELLO YOU TEN (3.30 Newmarket) was backed from 25-1 into 12-1 before he was unplaced on debut at Donny.

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SANDOWN TONIGHT

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

TEMPLEGATE		TOM PEPPER	
5.00	Warning Sign	5.00	DRUMSTICK (nap)
5.38	Elevating	5.38	Menhaal
6.13	First Law	6.13	First Law
6.48	Interstate	6.48	Interstate
7.23	Ascending Star	7.23	Desert Shadow
7.58	Great Blasket	7.58	Great Blasket

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed galloping oval of 1m 5f with 4f uphill run-in. ■DRAW: Low numbers best in sprints, especially in large fields on soft going ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): J & T Gosden 31-143, C Appleby 23-91, R Beckett 22-114. THIS SEASON: R Hannon 7, C Appleby 5, J & T Gosden 5. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): O Murphy 26-189, K Shoemark 10-102, S M Levey 6-81. THIS SEASON: O Murphy 2, D Probert 2, K Shoemark 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Sunny Smile (7.23). Round trip of 368 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: C Appleby won the 6.13 in 2017 and 2019. R Beckett won the 6.13 in 2021 and 2024. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Sunny Smile (7.23). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

5.00 CORINTHIAN AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (Class 4); value to the winner £5,712; 1m 2f. (7 runners)

1 (2) 123-901 **WARNING SIGN 55 (B;CD)** G & J Moore 7-11-3 ...... **Mr David Dunsdon 97**
2 (6) 2330523 **EPICTETUS 5 (T★;D)** J Osborne 6-11-1 ...... **Miss Megan Jordan 94**
3 (4) 0045-46 **ARCADIAN NIGHTS 152 (D)** M Loughnane 8-10-13 ..... **Mr Jack Loughnane (7) 89**
4 (3) 333 **IMPIERIOUS 37 (V★)** T Clover 3-10-10 ...... **Mr Henry Callan 91**
5 (7) 5-43484 **BEACH POINT 27 (CD)** W Knight 5-10-8 ...... **Mr James Hills (7) 97**
6 (5) 06267-1 **DRUMSTICK 94 (H;D)** F O'Brien 5-10-6 ...... **Miss Brodie Hampson ●99**
7 (1) 04-4342 **WHAT'S THE PLAN 15 (BF)** J Fanshawe 3-10-3 .... **Mr Eireann Cagney 96**

BETTING: 2 Warning Sign, 7-2 Drumstick, 9-2 What's The Plan, 5 Impierious
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 7 3 1 2
2025: Warning Sign 6-10-8 Mr D Dunsdon 5-2 (G & J Moore) drawn 3, 6 ran.

5.38 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,940; 5f. (9 runners)

1 (6) 80 **BEACH NOIR 9** G & J Moore 9-7 ...... **Alistair Rawlinson 73**
2 (8) 2 **CATCHING DREAMS 12** C Appleby 9-7 ...... **Connor Planas ●99**
3 (9) 90 **CHAMPAGNE CHARLEE 14 (T★)** S Williams 9-7 ...... **Marco Ghiani 70**
4 (2) 6 **CRAZEE IN HAVANA 12** E J-Houghton 9-7 ...... **Oisin Murphy 89**
5 (1) 679 **KIGALI 24** O Sangster 9-7 ...... **Sean D Bowen 84**
6 (4) 75 **MENHAAL 64 (BF)** O Burrows 9-7 ...... **David Probert 93**
7 (5) **PULSE OF FIRE** E Walker 9-7 ...... **Kieran Shoemark —**
8 (3) 29 **ELEVATING 7** R Hannon 9-2 ...... **Sean Levey 94**
9 (7) 89 **VESPER HONEY 38** G Baker 9-2 ...... **Jason Watson 72**

BETTING: 7-4 Catching Dreams, 7-2 Menhaal, 9-2 Pulse Of Fire, Elevating
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 3 2-6 1
2025: Entailed 9-2 Oisin Murphy 7-4 Fav (A Balding) drawn 7, 9 ran.

6.13 CHASEMORE FARM EBF MAIDEN STAKES (3); 2-y-o; winner £7,020; 1m. (4 runners)

1 (2) 65 **CROWN RANGER 54** M Botti 9-7 ...... **Marco Ghiani ●99**
2 (3) **FIRST LAW** C Appleby 9-7 ...... **Connor Planas —**
3 (4) **FLIGHT TRACKER** R Beckett 9-7 ...... **Callum Rodriguez —**
4 (1) 7 **SEE THE MOUNTAIN 37** A Balding 9-7 ...... **Oisin Murphy 91**

BETTING: 1-2 First Law, 10-3 Flight Tracker, 7 Crown Ranger, 16 See The Mountain
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 5 1 1
2025: Corinth 9-7 Oisin Murphy 8-15 Fav (J & T Gosden) drawn 1, 4 ran.

6.48 HWFA WILLIAMS HANDICAP (4) 3-Y-O; winner £6,019; 1m 2f (3 runners)

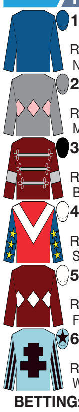
1 11-503 **ELAN D'OR 19**
(2) S Williams 9-10 .... **Marco Ghiani 96**
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 3 £19,452
Shapes as though he'll stay 10f, but 0-9 on turf and little leeway in mark

2 02-2 **INTERSTATE 14**
(1) J & T Gosden 9-5 ...... **Luke Catton (3) ●99**
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £4,639
Enjoyed step up to 1m2f (turf debut) at Donny, opening mark fair, fancied

3 32-725 **EDWIN HUBBLE 12 (B★;BF)**
(3) B Meehan 9-1 .... **Oisin Murphy 98**
Runs: 7 Places: 3 £9,221
Proving costly to follow, blinkers on and Oisin up, can chase fav home

BETTING: 10-11 Interstate, 9-4 Edwin Hubble, 10-3 Elan D'or
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 3 2 1 1
2025: Dangerman 9-5, R Havlin 10-11 Fav (J & T Gosden), drw 4, 7 ran.

7.23 BETMGM 80S DAY SATURDAY 29 AUGUST HANDICAP (4) winner £6,019; 7f (6 run)



1 2-0521 **DESERT SHADOW 22 (V)**
(4) S bin Suroor 4-10-2 ...... **Oisin Murphy 97**
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 5 £24,078
New lease of life dropped back to 7f/1m, 3lb rise for latest win fine, fancied

2 4-9082 **TAVANA 19 (D)**
(2) E Smyth-Osbourne 3-9-9 ... **Sean Levey 92**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 1 £33,973
Much better latest, is 4lb below her last winning mark, taken seriously

3 42-022 **SUNNY SMILE 33**
(1) H Palmer 3-9-5 .... **David Probert 94**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 £21,868
Bumped into one at Sandown latest, had wind op since, respected

4 33-13 **ASCENDING STAR 34 (BF)**
(6) O Burrows 3-9-5 ..... **Callum Rodriguez 98**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £11,767
Solid on hcap debut (pestered for lead) at Sandown latest, in the mix

5 -97001 **LUNARIO 26 (V;CD)**
(5) L Dace 6-9-4 .... **Marco Ghiani 94**
Runs: 34 Wins: 6 (4F,2G) Places: 8 £63,952
Finally came good at Ascot last month, up 4lb, not certain to back it up

6 5-2221 **THURSDAY GIRL 19**
(3) E Walker 3-9-1 .... **Kieran Shoemark ●99**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £16,985
Won her novice, earlier second on hcap bow (Ascending in arrears), go well

BETTING: 5-2 Desert Shadow, 3 Thursday Girl, 4 Ascending Star, 6 Lunario, 7 Sunny Smile, Tavana
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 1 1 6
2025: Lunario 5-9-2, Jack Dace 9-1 (L Dace), drawn 4, 7 ran.

7.58 COMMUNITY FUND FOR ELMBRIDGE HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,449; 1m. (6 runners)

1 (3) 0-58412 **KODI FIRE 13 (D)** C Hills 4-9-9 ...... **Jason Watson 98**
2 (2) -794333 **BUBBLES WONKY 13** M Pattinson 5-9-8 ...... **Kieran Shoemark 97**
3 (1) -233177 **H KEY LAILS 13 (D)** M Attwater 6-9-8 ...... **James Glennon (7) 89**
4 (4) -943761 **GREAT BLASKET 7 (V;CD)** J Owen 6-9-7(5ex) ...... **Oisin Murphy ●99**
5 (6) /883-45 **WAR CHANT 14 (D)** J Jones 6-9-5 ...... **David Probert 85**
6 (5) 5-02002 **AMUSED 14** J Boyle 4-9-3 ...... **Callum Rodriguez 93**

BETTING: Evens Great Blasket, 3 Kodi Fire, 9-2 Amused, 10 Bubbles Wonky, 16 War Chant, 20 H Key Lails
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 9 3-5
2025: Port Erin 5-8-10 Tyrese Cameron 5-1 (A Carroll) drawn 10, 10 ran.

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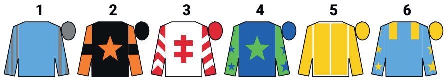

DOG TIPS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

■SHEFFIELD: 11.03 Slippy Daniel (nap) (6-3-5) 11.19 Another Syd (nb) (3-6-1) 11.36 Cloondarone Ken (2-3-6) 11.52 Ten Ton Simba (6-3-5) 12.09 Easy Rhi (1-2-5) 12.26 Confident Rover (2-1-6) 12.42 Hillend Korda (2-6-5) 12.59 Fugazi (2-3-5) 1.16 Tullymurry Sioux (3-2-1) 1.31 Fakebook Zombie (6-3-1) 1.46 Mucky Trump (3-4-1) 2.04 Innfield Jota (1-4-5)

■NOTTINGHAM: 11.25 Petite Pippa (nap) (2-6-3) 11.41 Lagile Houdini (nb) (4-5-2) 11.58 Bellmore Queen (1-6-3) 12.14 Honour Secret (3-6-2) 12.31 Mid Tipp Maggie (4-1-6) 12.48 Blackfriars Gold (6-5-3) 1.06 Evas Angel (2-3-5) 1.21 Cairo (3-2-6) 1.36 Furcombe Hall (3-1-6) 1.52 Baby Arc (1-4-5) 2.09 Honour Fifi (4-6-2)

RETURNS

■MONMORE: 11.03 Batmans Gift 9-1 (4-2-1 BAGS F £55.29 TC £219.54). 11.19 Goldstar Michael 2-1f (1-2-4 £16.64 TC). 11.36 Swift Jolly 5-2jt (4-5-2 £10.50). 11.52 Yankee Tipp 15-8 (4-1-6 £20.04). 12.09 Dunquin Brendan 4-1 (6-1-2 £43.23 TC £101.70). 12.26 Kilwest Beauty Evensf (6-2-4 £3.63). 12.42 Inca Darling 13-8f (2-1-5 £6.52). 12.59 Bloos Ladysandra 2-1jt (5-1-6 £11.66). 1.16 Cherry Bee 5-1 (4-3-5 £18.60 TC £64.38). 1.31 Betrayl 4-1 (6-2-1 £67.67). 1.46 Good Luna 9-2 (1-4-5 £27.83 TC £115.12). 2.04 Aero Walsh 4-5f (3-5-6 £6.40).

■NOTTINGHAM: 11.25 Jillulie Blue 11-1 (1-3-2 BAGS F £25.40). 11.41 Coin Box 2-1 (2-5-1 £6.60). 11.58 Rockhouse Woody Evensf (2-1-5 £8.24). 12.14 Bonos Brother 15-8f (2-1-6 £9.84). 12.31 Basic Instinct 5-1 (3-1-5 £20.47 TC £72.83). 12.48 Honour Roll 2-1f (2-6-4 £7.76). 1.06 Kelva Brie 3-1 (1-3-4 £12.20 TC £58.43). 1.21 Sonic Reindeer 6-4f (4-5-6 £4.38). 1.36 Honour Vacation 8-11f (2-1-6 £10.90). 1.52 Hotshot Molly 9-2 (5-1-4 £18.02). 2.09 Honour Bellie 5-1 (4-1-2 £23.77).

SOUTHWELL

GOING: STANDARD

EAMONN HAMES		TOM PEPPER	
5.04	Distillation	5.04	Distillation
5.34	Elashgar	5.34	Gloriola
6.06	Hauteluce	6.06	Kiss Me My Love
6.41	Baarberini	6.41	Bullrider
7.16	Ziggy's Condor	7.16	Ziggy's Condor (nb)
7.51	Fierce	7.51	Camera Shy
8.26	El Burhan	8.26	Ultrasoul
9.00	Into Combat	9.00	Norflondonforever

■TIC-TAC: Round left-handed tapeta all-weather track of 1m 2f. There is a straight 5f course. ■DRAW: No advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): M Herrington 46-335, A Balding 40-264, James Owen 37-220, C Johnston 31-216. THIS SEASON: M Herrington 10, James Owen 9, Ollie Sangster 7. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): J Hart 60-448, D Muscutt 52-392, L Morris 46-535, Joanna Mason 41-417. THIS SEASON: J Hart 10, R Havlin 8, L Morris 6. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Pickersgill (7.16) & Junkyard Dog (9.00). Round trip of 436 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

5.04 HANDICAP (Class 6); 3-y-o; winner £3,664; 1m. (10 runners)

1 (6) 9456 **SINGARDA 19** T Coyle & K Wood 9-9 ...... **D Nolan**
2 (9) 869 **LADY FIZZ 14** I Mohammed & J Santos 9-9 **D Kraats (7)**
3 (4) 3676 **MISS MAMBO 39 (B)** G Kelleway 9-7 ...... **J Callan**
4 (2) 9241 **DISTILLATION 16** M Usher 9-7 ...... **R Havlin**
5 (10) 3037 **ATHENIAN SPIRIT 16** G Nicholls 9-5 ...... **P Jamin**
6 (7) -087 **HEAR THE DRUMS 51** R & P Fahey 9-5 ...... **O Orr**
7 (3) 3509 **SODA 28** G Tutty 9-4 ...... **C Beasley**
8 (5) -843 **MIST OF TIME 30** W Knight 9-1 ...... **L Morris**
9 (1) 8609 **GO TEEJAY 12** C Lidster 9-0 ...... **A Jary (3)**
10 (8) 076 **RETRO ROCKET 33** M Keighley 9-0 ...... **H Vigors (5)**

Distillation ●99, Athenian Spirit 98, Mist Of Time 97.
13-8 Distillation, 11-2 Singarda, 7 Mist Of Time, 15-2 Athenian Spirit, 8 Miss Mambo, 12 Lady Fizz, Hear The Drums, 25 Soda

5.34 HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; winner £3,664; 1m. (9 runners)

1 (2) 5-87 **GILLEANGIRL 121 (T★)** I Furtado 9-9 .. **S De Sousa**
2 (9) 0173 **STARAKOVA 31** W Greatrex 9-8 ...... **H Vigors (5)**
3 (7) 2063 **ELASHGAR 21** K Frost 9-7 ...... **W Pyle**
4 (6) 6745 **ERNIE MCCREW 16** J Moore 9-5 ...... **A Lewis (3)**
5 (1) -862 **HERE COMES LOUIE 21** R Fell 9-5 ...... **K Stott**
6 (5) 3434 **ALICE'S INFLUENCE 34 (B;D)** P Evans 9-5 . **J Egan**
7 (3) 0523 **GLORIOLA 30 (BF)** Steph Hollinshead 9-3 ..... **C Lee**
8 (4) -547 **SPECKLED BROWN 18** A Brown 9-0 ...... **B McHugh**
9 (8) 70-7 **THOMAS TALLIS 65** J Mackie 9-0 .... **C Hutchinson**

Gloriola ●99, Elashgar 97, Starakova 97.
11-4 Starakova, 4 Elashgar, 5 Gloriola, Here Comes Louie, 13-2 Ernie Mccrew, 10 Alice's Influence, 11 Gilleangirl, 25 Thomas Tallis

6.06 FILLIES HANDICAP (5); winner £4,711; 1m. (11 runners)

1 (8) 2024 **DREAM ILLUSION 29 (CD)** M Herrington 4-9-13 **J Hart**
2 (6) 9301 **KISS ME MY LOVE 8 (D)** R Fell 4-9-11 ...... **J Mason**
3 (1) 92-6 **KARTINI 20** S Whitaker 4-9-11 ...... **T Eaves**
4 (5) 7133 **RAVISHING BEAUTY 20 (BF,D)** J O'Keeffe 5-9-11.. **J Garritty**
5 (10) 5-13 **HAUTELUCE 20 (BF)** E Walker 3-9-9 ..... **A Lewis (3)**
6 (7) 2661 **FILLY EILISH 10 (CD)** I Furtado 3-9-9(6ex) **S De Sousa**
7 (3) 1654 **ZARINCA 20 (C)** E Bethell 3-9-7 ...... **C Beasley**
8 (2) 2460 **COURT OF STARS 20** O Sangster 3-9-6 .... **L Morris**
9 (11) -004 **ZERMATT STAR 20** T Coyle & K Wood 3-9-6 **D Nolan**
10 (9) 4362 **BLUE CELESTIAL 16 (BF)** J Tate 3-9-1 ...... **C Lee**
11 (4) 5566 **GIFTS DIFFERING 54** R Burdon 3-8-10 ...... **J Peate**

Blue Celestial ●99, Hauteluce 98, Filly Eilish 97.
4 Kiss Me My Love, 5 Blue Celestial, Filly Eilish, Dream Illusion, 6 Hauteluce, 8 Zarinca, Ravishing Beauty, 20 Kartini, Court Of Stars

6.41 NOVICE STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 1m. (8 runners)

1 (3) 5 **ASTRAL CROWN 24** D O'Meara 9-7 ...... **D Tudhope**
2 (5) **KODIAC CITY** R Hughes 9-7 ...... **K Stott**
3 (2) 3 **BAARBERINI 38** J Horton 9-4 ...... **D Muscutt**
4 (7) 23 **BULLRIDER 10** G Boughey 9-4 ...... **J Callan**
5 (4) **PHANTOM KNIGHT** A Balding 9-4 .... **C Hutchinson**
6 (8) 43 **QUEST FOR GLORY 24** G Nicholls 9-4 **H Vigors (5)**
7 (1) 62 **VINERY 33** O Greenall & J Guerriero 9-4 ...... **D Nolan**
8 (6) 8 **HOOSTHAT 59** W Muir & C Grassick 9-1 ...... **J Hart**

Bullrider ●99, Quest For Glory 94, Baarberini 89.
5-2 Bullrider, 3 Baarberini, 4 Vinery, 9-2 Quest For Glory, 10 Phantom Knight, 12 Kodiac City, 20 Astral Crown, 33 Hoosthat

7.16 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,711; 6f. (10 runners)

1 (1) 50U3 **ZIGGY'S CONDOR 5 (V;CD)** A Kirby 5-9-9. **James Doyle**
2 (8) 2520 **CAIRDEAS 10** P Midgley 4-9-8 ...... **D Nolan**
3 (3) 3578 **MIRACULOUS 12 (D)** T Easterby 4-9-8 ...... **D Allan**
4 (6) 4075 **HECTIC 55 (CD)** L Bailey 6-9-6 ...... **J Garritty**
5 (10) 5272 **PICKERSGILL 10 (C,D)** I Jardine 4-9-6 ...... **A Mullen**
6 (4) 3628 **MOOSTAR 20 (V;D)** J Owen 4-9-5 ...... **S De Sousa**
7 (9) 4267 **DAYTONA LADY 31 (CD)** R Carr 6-9-4 ...... **J Sullivan**
8 (5) 6134 **COURT DRIVE 24 (B;BF,D)** G Kelleway 5-9-2. **J Callan**
9 (7) -865 **OTTAWA 173 (CD)** L Bailey 4-9-2 ...... **D Tudhope**
10 (2) 1640 **SHOWTIME MAHOMES 163 (CD)** G Tuer 7-9-2 **O Stammers**

Ziggy's Condor ●99, Daytona Lady 98, Pickersgill 97.
9-2 Pickersgill, 13-2 Ziggy's Condor, 12 Daytona Lady, 14 Hectic, Court Drive, Moostar, Miraculous, Cairdeas

7.51 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,711; 6f. (9 runners)

1 (7) 0650 **BEATTIE IS BACK 13** R & P Fahey 7-9-9 .. **E Tindall (5)**
2 (4) 7120 **DORNEY LAKE 13 (D)** L Bailey 5-9-8 ...... **D Tudhope**
3 (5) -212 **SPIRIT OF JENNY 73 (BF,CD)** Steph Hollinshead 4-9-7.. **D Costello**
4 (1) 3236 **FIERCE 41 (D)** P Midgley 6-9-6 ...... **J Hart**
5 (6) 6-23 **BABA REZA 31 (D)** J Camacho 8-9-6 ...... **C Lee**
6 (3) 3536 **JESSE LUC 31 (CD)** M Murphy 6-9-5 ...... **L Morris**
7 (2) 1-98 **SARAFINA MSHAIRI 49 (CD)** E Smyth-Osbourne 4-9-3 **A Lewis (3)**
8 (8) 1764 **CAMERA SHY 93 (C,D)** M Dods 4-9-2 ..... **D Muscutt**
9 (9) 5340 **FAN MAIL 14 (CD)** T Easterby 4-9-2 ...... **D Allan**

Beattie Is Back ●99, Jesse Luc 98, Spirit Of Jenny 97.
11-4 Spirit Of Jenny, 9-2 Baba Reza, 11-2 Beattie Is Back, 7 Jesse Luc, Fierce, 10 Camera Shy, Dorney Lake, 12 Sarafina Mshairi

8.26 HANDICAP (2); winner £15,702; 1m 3f. (13 runners)

1 (9) 361/ **VIRTUAL ROCK J741 (D)** J Butler 7-9-12. **C Beasley**
2 (3) 1-20 **SPINNING WHEEL 61 (BF,D)** S & E Crisford 4-9-10 **O Orr**
3 (6) 1-54 **EL BURHAN 90** G Boughey 4-9-7 ...... **J Callan**
4 (11) 1606 **FRENCH DUKE 13** H Al Jehani (UAE) 5-9-6 **James Doyle**
5 (1) 0/00 **ASTRO KING 55** D & C Kubler 9-9-5 ...... **E Nader**
6 (10) 0518 **KING'S CODE 9 (B;C,D)** P Evans 6-9-3 ...... **J Egan**
7 (12) 11-1 **ULTRASOUL 54** R Varian 4-9-1 ...... **C Ho**
8 (2) -107 **LET'S DREAM 27** M Bell 5-8-13 ...... **J Hart**
9 (13) 171- **PORT OF LONDON 227** J & T Gosden 4-8-10 **R Havlin**
10 (8) 5211 **SAY WHAT YOU SEE 55 (C)** L Bailey 4-8-10... **L Morris**
11 (5) 1294 **JIMMY SPEAKING 19 (BF,C)** C Dwyer 5-8-6 **S De Sousa**
12 (7) 0274 **CLOTH OF GOLD 20** C Johnston 4-8-5 ...... **A Mullen**
13 (4) 4804 **PER CONTRA 19** T Easterby 5-8-2 ...... **D Fentiman**

Ultrasoul ●99, Say What You See 98, Jimmy Speaking 95.
7-2 Ultrasoul, 11-2 Port Of London, 6 Say What You See, 13-2 El Burhan, 10 Jimmy Speaking, Spinning Wheel, 12 Per Contra

9.00 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,664; 1m 3f. (13 runners)

1 (10) 5717 **SISTERANDBROTHER 12** J Ramsden 8-9-9 . **J Hart**
2 (3) 8-92 **JUNKYARD DOG 33 (V)** I Jardine 4-9-9 ..... **A Mullen**
3 (12) 7-87 **TITAINIUM 18** G Tuer 5-9-9 ...... **O Stammers**
4 (1) -800 **NORFLONDONFOREVER 17** F Bramley 5-9-7 **T Eaves**
5 (8) 8732 **MEET ME IN MERAKI 23 (BF)** P Evans 5-9-6 **J Egan**
6 (5) 4436 **GOLSPIE 12** P Morris 6-9-6 ...... **D Nolan**
7 (4) 1284 **IT'S ONLY FUN 10 (CD)** S Ender 4-9-6 ...... **J Peate**
8 (7) -911 **LUAN 23** N Scholfield 4-9-5 ...... **D Muscutt**
9 (13) 7653 **DINGWALL 41** T Easterby 5-9-4 ...... **D Allan**
10 (2) 80-0 **BLACKWATERFOOT 57** C Pike 5-9-4 ...... **P Jamin**
11 (11) 3659 **DISTINCTION 16 (D)** J Mackie 8-9-2 ...... **C Beasley**
12 (9) -870 **CAVALRY CALL 12** P Morris 5-9-2 ...... **J Sullivan**
13 (6) -084 **INTO COMBAT 16 (BF)** Sir M Prescott 4-9-1... **L Morris**

Dingwall ●99, Luan 98, Meet Me In Meraki 97.
9-4 Luan, 13-2 Into Combat, 7 Meet Me In Meraki, Dingwall, 8 Junkyard Dog, 10 Sisterandbrother, 12 It's Only Fun, Golspie

■ESTRANGE will bypass the Yorkshire Oaks and instead head to France. David O'Meara's stable star has been pulled out of the feature race of Ladies Day on the Knavesmire, and a potential clash with Kalpana. Her choice of targets across the Channel are either the Prix Vermeille on September 6 or the Prix Jean Romanet a fortnight earlier.

AND YOUR RUNNERS 'N RIDERS FROM SLIGO

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO YIELDING)

EAMONN HAMES

4.40	Rich Belief
5.15	Circus Hill
5.45	Manoir De Mirande
6.20	Go To Town
6.55	Cut The Rope
7.30	Lilac Lady
8.05	Missouri Snow

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed, sharp track of 1m, with an uphill finish. There are 4 hurdles and 5 fences per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): G Elliott 21-109, W P Mullins 20-59, J P Ryan 18-146, G Cromwell 11-66. THIS SEASON: J P Ryan 4, G Elliott 3, M McNiff 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): P W Mullins 7-18, D King 6-34, P Byrnes 6-28, B Hayes 6-26. THIS SEASON: D King 2, James Smith 2, M Kenneally 2. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.40 CLAIMING HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 2f. (10 runners)

1 -U26 **BRYSON 23 (H;BF)** W Crawford 6-11-8 ...... **J Halford (7)**
2 920P **PRESENTING LAD 37** M McNiff 10-11-8 ...... **P Enright**
3 5P-1 **RAYDAMANN F26 (CD)** G Elliott 5-11-8 ...... **J Smith (5)**
4 7/13 **RICH BELIEF F25 (B)** K Thornton 9-11-8 ...... **B Harvey**
5 0R6- **GOD OF THUNDER F22** D Hogan 7-11-2 ...... **D King**
6 -336 **WARM IN GOREY 35 (B;D)** P Rothwell 8-10-12 **R Sugrue (7)**
7 48F0 **HOWDOYALIKEHERHOME 19 (B)** G Elliott 7-10-6 **J Williamson (5)**
8 5250 **OH SO CHARMING 34** D Queally 6-10-6 ..... **K Healy (7)**
9 /080 **SLOWDOWNBARNEY 31 (V★)** D McLoughlin 5-10-6 **P O'Hanlon**
10 -0P0 **TRUCKERS CRUISING 9** G Elliott 8-10-6 ...... **S Ewing**

Raydamann ●99, Oh So Charming 97, Rich Belief 97.
3 Raydamann, 4 Rich Belief, God Of Thunder, 7 Howdoyalikeherhome

5.15 MARES MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 2f. (13 runners)

1 30- **AN LACHIN BEAG 223** N Slevin 6-11-7 ...... **P Cleary (7)**
2 -42D **CIRCUS HILL 25** M McNiff 5-11-7 ...... **P Enright**
3 709 **GLENDAARS CRYSTAL 33** D McLoughlin 5-11-7 **P O'Hanlon**
4 0- **I DONT REALLY CARE 229** R Hackett 5-11-7 ..... **D King**
5 P-P8 **IDAHO EXPRESSO 33 (H★,T★)** D Christie 6-11-7 **B Harvey**
6 **NELLIESTAR F90** T McGettigan 6-11-7 ...... **C Millar (5)**
7 49 **SAOIRSES CHOICE 60** F Casey 6-11-7 ...... **A Balfe (7)**
8 0 **SEA FELIZ 31** W P Mullins 5-11-7 ...... **D Mullins**
9 4-R0 **SPEISIALTA 14 (H)** A Black 6-11-7 ...... **E Staples (5)**
10 **KILGHARRAHS LOVE F47 (T★)** T Cleary 4-11-4 **S Cleary-Farrell (7)**
11 **MAROEL** M Magnussen 4-11-4 ...... **C Clarke (7)**
12 0 **MOONWING 27** P Gilligan 4-11-4 ...... **S Fitzgerald**
13 57 **MY ELUSIVE MATE 27** G Elliott 4-11-4 ...... **S Ewing**

11-10 Circus Hill, 9-2 Sea Feliz, 15-2 Speisialta, 14 Saoirses Choice

5.45 NOVICE HURDLE; winner €9,000; 2m 2f. (5 runners)

1 3711 **MANOIR DE MIRANDE 16 (C)** G Elliott 4-11-11 **J Williamson (5)**
2 -341 **LUKER'S TIPPLE 23 (D)** G Cromwell 5-11-10 **K Donoghue**
3 2-25 **FIREBRAND 31** J Nallen 6-11-2 ...... **D King**
4 3613 **CRYSTABEL 16 (C)** J Ryan 5-10-13 ...... **D Mullins**
5 9740 **HILLHEAD RUNNER 8** C Byrnes 6-10-13 ...... **P Byrnes**

Crystabel ●99, Luker's Tipple 98, Manoir De Mirande 96.
13-8 Manoir De Mirande, 5-2 Luker's Tipple, 9-2 Crystabel, 13-2 Hillhead Runner, 8 Firebrand

6.20 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 2f. (16 runners)

1 -044 **GO TO TOWN 25 (BF)** R O'Sullivan 6-12-0 ...... **D King**
2 -4P9 **GENERAL CLERMONT 35** D Fitzgerald 10-11-13 **S Ewing**
3 2235 **JUSTICIALISM 15 (V★)** N Kelly 8-11-10 **Mr O McGill (5)**
4 0043 **PHOENIX ARIZONA 25** J Cullen 7-11-8 **T O'Connor (7)**
5 5651 **ANDYOURBIRDCANSING 25 (CD)** J Ryan 8-11-6 **M Kenneally (5)**
6 7B-8 **IL PIRATA 31** L Fowler 5-11-6 ...... **Mr M J Love (7)**
7 8-43 **STEPS IN THE SAND F6 (BF,C,D)** C Murphy 7-11-6. **E Walsh**
8 P-U5 **MON SHERIFFE 13 (H)** P Rothwell 5-11-3. **R Sugrue (7)**
9 0-09 **MOULANE WEST 58 (B★;CD)** M McNiff 10-11-3 **A King (7)**
10 9149 **GEORGINAS JET 27 (BF,D)** P Gilligan 5-11-2.... **J Gilligan (5)**
11 F-00 **COPPER ROCKER 31** R O'Sullivan 4-11-1 ...... **D Mullins**
12 P-0P **BOLTLANDER 62 (P★,T★)** J Grace 5-11-0 **S Flanagan**
13 -086 **FRONTIER ROSE 25** T Coyle 5-10-13 ...... **D O'Keeffe**
14 0P7- **NOTHING DA NOW 206** M Magnussen 6-10-12. **C Clarke (7)**
15 -P18 **BACKINABIT 14 (B;BF)** D Hogan 7-10-7. **J Williamson (5)**
16 PP-0 **GLENRIVER 23** S Crawley 8-10-3 ...... **P O'Brien (5)**
17 P-F0 **STORMY JENN 23** P Cluskey 9-10-3 ...... **RESERVE**
18 0-76 **RIPSNORTER 16** W Lanigan 5-12-0 ...... **RESERVE**
19 09-0 **LADY VICTRIX 14** P Flynn 6-10-6 ...... **RESERVE**

Phoenix Arizona ●99, Go To Town 98, Andyourbirdcansing 97.
10-3 Andyourbirdcansing, 5 Phoenix Arizona, Justicialism, 13-2 Go To Town, 10 Steps In The Sand, 14 Georginas Jet, Il Pirata

6.55 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 5f. (9 runners)

1 50-4 **CUT THE ROPE 60** E & P Harty 7-11-12 ...... **K Buckley**
2 P-31 **FOX WALK 90** N Kelly 5-11-4 ...... **D O'Keeffe**
3 U4 **FUUSLAND 23** G Elliott 5-11-4 ...... **S Ewing**
4 F/26 **MINELLA MOON SHINE 2** J Nallen 6-11-4 ...... **D King**
5 2P10 **MR CAULFIELD 16** N Kelly 5-11-4 ...... **S Flanagan**
6 **SAN PATRICIO** P Flood 5-11-4 ...... **L McKenna (3)**
7 PP-P **TOMMY GO MAITH 25 (P★)** T McGettigan 5-11-4 **C Millar (5)**
8 41-6 **IVANA D'ALCO 27 (H,T★)** W P Mullins 5-10-11 **B Hayes**
9 9-87 **TURLOUGH ABU 16** V O'Brien 4-10-7 ...... **P Enright**

Cut The Rope ●99, Minella Moon Shine 98, Ivana D'Alco 94.
5-6 Minella Moon Shine, 3 Cut The Rope, 8 Ivana D'alco, 11 Fox Walk, 14 Fuusland, 25 Mr Caulfield, Turlough Abu, San Patricio

LONG SHOT OF THE DAY

AUDIENCE (6.00 Leopardstown) has gone close the last twice and the former Lockinge winner can give a good account.

7.30 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €9,000; 2m 5f. (9 runners)

1 46-2 **JUPITER DU GITE 21 (H)** T Hogan 7-11-12 **M Kenneally (5)**
2 7P-4 **LITTLEBIGGIE 52** R Hackett 9-11-11 ...... **C Clarke (7)**
3 0-10 **BRUANT 10** A Martin 5-11-8 ...... **D O'Keeffe**
4 8-20 **CORNMARKET 8 (C)** J Cullen 7-11-4..... **T O'Connor (7)**
5 5-50 **IN THE MINUS 10** B Cawley 4-11-2 ...... **S Fitzgerald**
6 -241 **LILAC LADY 25 (CD)** M McNiff 6-11-2 ...... **A King (7)**
7 5-32 **YOU MAKE ME SMILE F30 (C)** P Fahy 8-10-11... **D Mullins**
8 7-32 **RUN FOR THE BORDER 16 (BF)** J Ryan 6-10-8 **D King**
9 0627 **WHISKEY SERENADE 16** T Coyle 6-10-2 **J Williamson (5)**

Lilac Lady ●99, Jupiter Du Gite 98, You Make Me Smile 97.
11-4 Lilac Lady, 4 Run For The Border, 9-2 Jupiter Du Gite, You Make Me Smile, 10 Littlebiggie, Cornmarket, 14 Whiskey Serenade

8.05 MARES NAT HUNT FLAT; winner €6,601; 2m 3f. (12 runners)

1 **BALLITO BEAUTY** L Fowler 5-11-11 ...... **Mr M J Love (7)**
2 493 **CARLEYS LILLY 25** J Ryan 5-11-11 .. **Miss L Costello (7)**
3 **CHANSON D'ARGENT (H★,T★)** M Ryan 6-11-11 **Mr R Barron (5)**
4 U-8 **HOPE AND MERCY 60** M Brassil 6-11-11 .. **Mr D Clarke (7)**
5 4P0- **LOUGHDOO 229** S Millar 6-11-11 ...... **Mr N Gault (7)**
6 1- **MISSOURI SNOW 130** N Slevin 5-11-11 ...... **Mr H Swan**
7 6-06 **PAMELAISBRASS 16** J Carr 5-11-11 ...... **Mr J Dunne (7)**
8 **PEAT SOUNDS** W P Mullins 5-11-11 ...... **Mr P Mullins**
9 **POET'S CREEK** D Christie 5-11-11 ...... **Mr R McParland (7)**
10 **A CHAIRDE GO LEIR** P Fahy 4-11-8 .... **Mr O Gilligan (7)**
11 5 **RIVER MOY 73** T Coyle 4-11-8 ...... **Mr B Coonan (7)**
12 F1 **TANGA MUGI 90** C Collins 4-11-8 ...... **Mr B Stone (7)**

Carleys Lilly ●99, Tanga Mugi 94, Missouri Snow 92.
13-8 Peat Sounds, 6 Tanga Mugi, 7 Missouri Snow, Carleys Lilly